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As No. 1 in the list, Miss Becker is a Public Man of whom Manchester has reason to be proud. She goes on the path of duty she has marked out for herself, undismayed by opposition, impervious to ridicule; exciting enmities and sowing dislikes sometimes, as all frank, outspoken, fearless, shrewd natures will, but ever doing good sound useful work, and building up for her name a lasting monument of gratitude, on the part of her own—and every other sex.

### CHRISTIANS, AWAKE!

WHY should Christians be compelled to awake whether they will or no, by the unholy uproar of festive hobbledchoys of both sexes? The experience of the Christmas Eve, now happily past, leads us to enter a solemn and decided protest against the absurd and baneful practice of "carol singing"—so called—"carol singing" the custom deserves no longer to be called. On Friday, in last week, the streets of Manchester were paraded all night long by companies of howling vagabonds, in some cases by vagabonds who did not howl, but played upon vile instruments instead. This ear and nerve torture continued certainly until the time when it was able to blend with the noise of morning traffic over the flints, so that sensible and sensitive people who had retired to rest, got no wink of sleep that night. Against even the good old custom of carol singing proper there might be some word to say. Even good singing, by whatever good intention prompted, may with justice be regarded as a nuisance at dead of night by sleepy people. Jovial souls will of course urge that no one ought to be sleepy on Christmas Eve, but this argument does not meet the objection, because, unfortunately, there are a good many people who will not admit its force. They want to go to sleep, these misguided and unromantic people, and they naturally grumble, if they do not curse, when disturbed, whether it be by "carol singing" or by howling and drumming. Now, it is doubtless a pleasant and praiseworthy thing to sing carols on Christmas Eve, and the carol singers are perhaps to be pitied in that their proceedings clash with the comfort of the public; at the same time the thing is such an undoubted nuisance to many people that our pity for the carol singers is summed up in a desire to have them extinguished in some way or other. This much even of the genuine article; but when we face the question boldly, and find the custom made the excuse for all sorts of ribaldry, obscenity, and nocturnal excess, when,

instead of carol singing, we have in every street mobs of howling, drunken, blaspheming wretches, then it occurs to us to ask where are the police? It also occurs to us that in the absence of the police, peaceable citizens might take the law into their own hands, and assail those Christian revellers with missile weapons, empty vessels of water upon them, and otherwise damp their ardour. It would be false sentiment to abstain from these proceedings on the ground that among those prowling discordant cads there might be some singers actuated by holy Christian feelings. If any such there be, his blood, or rather his dirty water, should be on his own head. Our advice to all and sundry is to dismiss sentiment in this matter. Perhaps, however, before next Christmas comes, the authorities of the city will have arrived at the conclusion that the so-called "carol singing" is nothing but an offensive nuisance, a disgrace to any civilised community, and especially to the holy season in which it takes place. Perhaps before next Christmas the police will be instructed to bear in mind that to get drunk and howl and blaspheme, is as great an offence at Christmas as it is at any ordinary time of the year. It is quite clear that some form of proceedings must be taken officially or otherwise against midnight Christmas prowlers, and for our part we should not be greatly concerned if a genuine carol singer or two were to come to grief in the process.

### ON THE NEW YEAR.

[BY A NOVICE.]

THE old year being gone, now comes the new,  
Which is a sentiment that few

Will dare dispute,  
Much less confute;

'Tis clear enough that when the old year dies,  
Another year old Father Time supplies.

Now is the time for thinking of your sins,  
Before another year begins;

Just think you have

A soul to save,

And go and drown those doleful thoughts in brandy,  
Or in whatever liquor may be handy.

It is no use to think about such things;  
Old Time is swift upon his wings;

And on the whole

You'll do your soul

No good by cogitating much about it—  
The souls of others do quite well without it.

So let us take the seasons as we find them,  
Nor yet for morals search behind them,

For if we do,

'Twixt me and you,

The issue of such very sad employment

Will spoil entirely our New Year's enjoyment.

### RELIGIOUS BOXING-GLOVE ENCOUNTERS.

MANCHESTER is shortly to be entertained with a religious boxing glove encounter between the Rev. T. T. Berger, on behalf of the Northern Church Defence Association, and Mr. J. H. Gordon, the champion of the Liberation Society. Two spirited members of the prize ring with gloves on rarely do each other any harm, though they may afford immense amusement to the spectators; and we venture to say that the meeting between these rival debaters will end similarly at the Free Trade Hall. Mr. Berger has a very neat style of delivery, which is very telling—from his mouth; he is long-winded, and therefore is not likely to be cornered easily; he will toe the mark, no doubt, with great gameness, but will fall back upon his reserve force, which he will have compactly collected in extracts from old writers, manipulated according to his own requirements. His rival, Mr. Gordon, is a man of somewhat heavier weight, physically, and can hit hard without much caring where the blow

hands, so long as he does some mischief. At any rate, both gentlemen are in capital training, and with the view to facilitate a fair fight and no favour, we suggest that the rules of the P.R. should be adopted in their entirety. Both gentlemen should be allowed a bottle-holder, who might give them a drink when they fainted at the astounding statements of each other; and in the event of Mr. Gordon giving the Church a knock-down blow, Mr. Berger should be allowed to be carried into his corner, and his living guaranteed.

### REJECTED CONTRIBUTION.

#### MY LOST LOVE.

**S**WEETLY rests the moon's pale beam  
On the fir-copse by the river,  
Ghostly white the meadows gleam,  
Still as though they slept for ever.  
Here I oft have wandered wide,  
With sweet Mary by my side.  
Never more by wood or lea  
Shall my true-love come to me.

When the flow'rs of autumn died,  
And the night-wind chiller grew,  
And across the moaning tide

Far away the swallows flew,  
Faded Mary's sweet blue eyes  
As the tender violet dies;  
As the swallow o'er the sea,  
Mary's spirit fled from me.

Oh! it seems but yesterday  
When by yonder thorn we stood;  
And, as now, the moonbeam lay  
White as death on stream and wood.  
All our path seemed thick with flow'rs,  
And we wished the minutes hours,  
Till at length the old thorn's shadow  
Almost spanned the sleeping meadow.

Spring has come on vale and hill—  
Spring has come,—but not to me—  
Mary's grave is deep and still  
There she slumbers peacefully—  
And the night-winds, as they pass,  
Whisper softly through the grass,  
Waving green above her head—  
Tender mourners for the dead.

### OUR FREE AND ENLIGHTENED PRESS.

It was hoped by some over sanguine reformers, at the time when the horror of public gallows exhibitions was done away with, that the public mind would be cleansed of a foul disease. It must be a source of gratification to our legislature, and to all thinking people, to reflect on the handsome manner in which these expectations have been verified. It is satisfying indeed to know that neither outside Newgate, or elsewhere, are there any more of those assemblages which were wont on execution morning to assemble and sniff the scent of blood. A new generation is arising, which looks back with a sigh and a genteel reproach upon the vulgar and want of taste which used to actuate their fathers in the desire to go and see a hanging. Side by side with this admirable growth of public morality, education, the silent sister of morals, has been doing her gentle work; the people are learning to read, and our admirable and enlightened press, which thirty years ago did not report in detail what the educated public could see and enjoy with their own eyes, has found a more wholesome and honourable occupation. Oh, so wholesome; so honourable! Who shall limit the usefulness and influence for good of a cheap and widely circulated journal? What more powerful engine could be found for the encouragement of virtue and morality, and the repression of vicious instincts and habits? How great the responsibilities of the

conductor of such a journal! How enormous his opportunities for good or evil! Such an one supposed, should he betray his trust, and pander to the vilest instincts of the community, would very soon, in an age of enlightenment, find in decreasing circulation a shrewd hint at decreasing popularity.

In writing thus, however, we are assuming two things which we have no right to assume, as they are both contrary to experience. One is, that the present age is one of moral enlightenment; and the other, that our newspapers set any object before them than that of making money. These are two common errors, or rather two methods by which we try wilfully to deceive ourselves and each other. Let those who use such wretched cant be confronted with the nauseous reality. The success of a newspaper now-a-days is mainly judged by the number of copies it sells. To obtain a sale an appeal is made to the popular taste. Who will dare to say, reading from day to day the published journals, that any attempt is made to influence that taste, to raise it? Nay, further, is not the attempt too palpably evident in many cases to lower the public taste to the appreciation of that kind of food which, being nastiest, is the most easily and cheaply obtained? A person was hung the other day whose case presented features of unusually public interest, that is to say, the crime was unusually nauseous and disgusting, murder being complicated with what is called "fast living," heartless treachery, and other interesting features. Did the press try to point one moral out of all this? for assuredly there was a moral to be found, if the story had to be told at all. Did the press, as a rule, exercise a wise discretion in omitting or veiling over matter that might be detrimental to public morals? Let the readers of our evening papers last week answer these questions, as far as those journals are concerned, which, indeed, it would not be fair for us to hold up as more than representative examples. So far from preaching or veiling over, every savoury bit of immorality, every prurient hint and suggestion that could be gathered by eager reporters, or evolved from the mind of editor or correspondent, was dragged into the column which, for several days, was positively reeking with garbage of the most offensive kind. One journal actually and unblushingly crowed over the immense circulation obtained on the day of the execution. All day long, on a certain day last week, the horrid cry was in the streets, coming from the lips of children. The infection of blood and guilt was spread broadcast from hour to hour. It was for this purpose that armies of reporters had toiled, gathering painfully their materials from the sink of corruption. For this the untiring machine, the pioneer of progress, worked double tides. After this, let us talk as little as we may about cultivation and an enlightened press, lest a noble and intelligent public should turn and jeer at us.

### NUISANCES IN MANCHESTER.

**A**T the last meeting of the Nuisance Committee the following cases were disposed of:—113 chimneys on fire, 104 fined, nine excused; twenty-three cases of obstruction in the streets, fourteen fined, nine excused; ten cases of cabs standing in streets, ten fined; ten cases of playing at games in streets, seven fined, three excused. The following cases were also dealt with:—100 chimneys emitting thick clouds of smoke, none fined, 100 excused (N.B.—Many of these chimneys property of city councillors); 100 cases of 'bus-nursing, whereby life and limb have been endangered, none fined, 100 excused (N.B.—Many shares in the offending omnibus company held by city councillors); 100 cases of danger to life and limb by the careless use of shutters, none fined, 100 excused (N.B.—City councillors have shutters to their shops); 100 cases of nuisance from carts containing horribly offensive matter, none fined, 100 excused (N.B.—These carts are the property of the Corporation); 100 cases of annoyance and injury to health from "tips," none fined, 100 excused (N.B.—These "tips" are the property of the Corporation); 100 other cases of nuisance from offensive smells, none fined, 100 excused (N.B.—Some of the worst offenders members of the Nuisance Committee).



## WHAT SAYS HE? CAW!

Cowper.

**M**R. JACOB BRIGHT has got himself into a hot shop over the Winwick living. Hadn't he better make some inquiries about the Winwick dead?

Ought a rector of a parish, where there's only one public-house, have less than £7,000 a year?

No. What could he have to do but spend money, unless he had a license of his own?

Everybody is going to turn over a new leaf at the new year—a worse one.

The Bishop's diary for 1876 is already full. "Diary me,"—but it is his lordship's cook who speaks, not us.

It's o'strich o' probabilities, says Mr. Malcolm Ross, to have elephants on the stage in the pantomime.

Mr. Fox Turner, for once you have made a sensible utterance about the Infirmary, without a witticism in it from beginning to end, unless long words and extravagant phrases count; don't do it any more.

Jacob Bright, it was really wrong of you to admit, even for the purpose of defeating a sly old parson, that you never read the *Courier*. It is the best friend the Radicals ever had in this city.

Alderman Curtis, a happy new year to you. How did you feel sitting on the spike of the bar on the top of the Town Hall writing a telegram? Didn't it occur to you that you had put Alderman Heywood's nose out of joint for ever, at the imminent risk of your own neck?

Mr. Headlam, we would like to know how you distinguish between a fraud and a crime?

My Lord Bishop, a happy new year to you, may your usefulness never be less.

Mr. Duval, here is more success to your merry entertainment.

Let us drink success to the only theatre in Manchester which has brought out a pantomime without the aid of four-footed beasts.

The *Jackdaw* wishes a happy new year to its numerous readers, and is consoled enough to think that the wish is reciprocated, and many of them.

The City Coroner does not probably care for the good word of the *Jackdaw*, having such a high opinion of himself. Does not he feel as if Mr. Hugh Birley had sat on him? Conservative M.P.'s are, as a rule, heavy.

Mr. Editor of the *Salford News*, how could you? It was too bad; had a worse look than the defection of the *Chronicle*.

*Jack* approaches Miss Becker with the compliments of the season in his beak.

'Appy new year to you, Mr. Croston.

The compliments of the season to Inspector Coathupe, and has he found out any more murders lately?

Caw! Caw! Caw, our noble selves, happy new year to everybody.

## SHAVED BY A MURDERER; OR, THE REVERSED DOG

A CHRISTMAS STORY FOR THE MARINES.

(CONCLUSION.)

**H**E sat by the glowing embers, and I sat there too—upon a stool, the only piece of furniture which that singular man possessed, except the milk-can. The hairless tail of the dog threw a long shadow on the wall in the flickering gloom. So I listened to the extraordinary story. "It was," said he, "Christmas Eve in the year 18—." Here the dog began to stir uneasily, and whine, upon which this strange individual quietly seized the animal by the tail, and threw it upon the fire. The dog stood there for a while with a pleased expression on its countenance, and its reversed shadow standing out in relief upon the sooty bricks. Then with a joyous bark, it disappeared up the chimney. The man gazed at the scene as if this incident had been an apparition instead of a disappearance. Gradually, a purer light of intelligence dawned upon his features, and he regarded me with a more confiding look than he had hitherto displayed. It is needless to say, that the events narrated had taken me by surprise. The whole thing was a mystery. The hairless tail and body; the reversed shadow; the immunity from the ravages of fire and water; the final and extraordinary exit; all had their effect upon me. I had never seen anything like it before. Overcoming my astonishment, however, by a sort of weird impulse I beckoned to the man to continue his story. "It was," said the man, "Christmas Eve in the year 18—." He had got thus far in his narration, when there was a knocking at the door. The stranger went to open it, and was confronted by two police constables, who, without more ado, marched both of us off in custody, along Shudehill and Rochdale Road. I was, of course, indignant at this outrage; but, had I known that my life was thus saved from imminent peril, I should have been grateful to those constables. We had not gone more than a hundred yards or so, when a terrific explosion was heard in the direction of the place which we had just quitted. We were all thrown together in a heap, in the middle of the road, by the force of the concussion. One of the constables had his helmet badly singed, and the other received a contusion on the back of the head. Profiting by the momentary confusion, I did not hesitate to escape; and owing to the assembled crowd, I easily reached the Dog and Partridge unscathed, where I ventured to stop and drink a glass of brandy and water. Everybody's talk was of the explosion. I laughed in my sleeve as I heard the discourse. The police have never found out to this day the cause of the explosion which spread such devastation in a populous neighbourhood. To this day the details which I have given above have remained locked within my breast, and it is only as probably a parallel case to the recent Dorset Street tragedy, that I publish what I know of the story here. The details, I fear, are but imperfectly strung together, and there are many parts of the tale even to me incomprehensible. I never afterwards heard or saw anything either of the stranger or of his dog. My theory, however, is, that he meant to have unbosomed his mind to me, and then have blown himself and me too to atoms with some infernal machine contained in that milk-can; so that if I had really heard all he had to say, should not probably have been in a position to tell the story. Such as it is, however, I can personally vouch for the truth of all I have narrated, and if people don't believe me, I cannot help it.



# THE SALE AT JAMES LOWE'S, 15, 17, and 19, OLDHAM STREET, IS NOW TAKING PLACE.

## MANTLE DEPARTMENT.

Several large and important Stocks of Paris and Berlin manufacture have been secured for this Department.

A few quotations only are selected:—

Black, Brown, and Blue Pilot Jackets, fitting shape, trimmed silk and fur, 9s. 11d.; season price, 19s. 6d.  
Black, Brown, and Blue Nap Jackets, coat shapes, 12s. 9d.; season price, 21s.  
Black, Brown, and Blue Beaver Jackets, coat shape, 15s.; season price, 25s.  
Beaver Cloth Jackets, double and single breasted, handsomely trimmed, 17s. 6d.; season price, 29s. 6d.  
230 Jackets, Beaver and Nap Cloth, plain, braided, and richly trimmed silk, 19s. 6d.; season price, 35s. 6d.  
Finely Braided Jackets, fitting shapes, plain and plaited skirts, 21s.; season price, 35s.  
Black Beaver and Deerskin Cloth Jackets, Berlin manufacture, 25s.; season price, 45s.  
Black Beaver Cloth Jackets, trimmed fur and turquoise, 29s. 6d.; season price, 45s.  
Black Beaver Cloth Jackets, trimmed for flouncings, 35s.; season price, 52s. 6d.  
French manufacture Black Beaver Mantles, Jackets, and Paletots, 42s.; season price, 60s. to 80s.  
Extra Rich Mantles, selected designs, of Parisian make, 69s.; season price 5 to 7 guineas.  
Rich Velvet Mantles, Jackets, and Paletots, very handsomely trimmed, 3 to 7 guineas; usual price, from 5 to 12 guineas.  
Silk and Cashmere Cloaks, Fitting Jackets and Paletots, lined fur, much under value, 45s. to 15 guineas.

## FUR SKIN JACKETS.

guineas	guineas
Real Sealakin Jackets, lined satin and quilted..... 5½	Russian Seal Jackets..... 33
Real Sealakin Jackets, lined satin and quilted..... 7½	Russian Seal, trim'd Beaver Fur 12
Russian Seal Jackets..... 10	Russian Seal, trim'd Skunk Fur 15
Russian Seal Jackets..... 12½	White Fur Jackets..... 21s.
Russian Seal Jackets..... 15	White Fur Jackets..... 29/6
Russian Seal Jackets..... 17½	Black Dogskin Jackets..... 39/6
Russian Seal Jackets..... 19	Black Dogskin Jackets..... 52/6
Russian Seal Jackets..... 23	Black Dogskin Jackets..... 3½ gs.
Russian Seal Jackets..... 27	Children's White Fur Jekts, from 7/11
	Children's Black Dogskin Jack-ets, from ..... 21s.

The above quotations are very much below regular prices.

## WATERPROOF CLOAK AND CHILDREN'S JACKET DEPARTMENT.

Grey Tweed Circular Cloaks, 9s. 11d., 12s. 9d., 15s., and 19s. 6d.  
Blue Tweed Circular Cloaks, 12s. 9d., 15s. 6d., 21s., and 29s. 6d.  
Grey Tweed Cloaks, with Cape, 12s. 9d., 15s. 6d., 21s., and 29s. 6d.  
Blue and Green Tweed Cloaks, all wool, 19s. 6d., 23s. 6d., 27s. 6d., and 31s. 6d.  
All Wool, plain and check, Ulster Cloaks, 19s. 6d. to 29s. 6d.  
Children's Waterproof Cloaks, from 5s. 11d. to 15s.  
Children's Hyde Park Wraps, from 2s. 11d. to 7s. 11d.  
Plain and Fancy Check Hyde Parks, 7s. 11d. and 9s. 11d.  
Children's Cloth Jackets, blue and black, 5s. 11d. to 19s. 6d.

## SHAWL DEPARTMENT.

Having cleared the whole of a manufacturer's stock of wool goods on exceptionally advantageous terms, the following quotations are much below wholesale prices:—

Grey Queensland Square Shawls, 7s. 11d., 9s. 11d., and 12s. 9d.  
Grey and Brown Velvet Pile Square Shawls, 15s. 6d., 17s. 6d., and 19s. 6d.  
Grey and Brown Reversible Square Shawls, 19s. 6d., 21s. 6d., and 25s.  
Grey, Brown, and Drab Waterproof Shawls, 12s. 6d., 15s. 6d., and 19s. 6d.  
Shetland Wool Shawls, 2s. 11d., 5s. 11d., and 9s. 11d.  
White Knitted Wool Shawls, 7s. 11d., 11s. 9d., and 15s. 9d.  
Silk and Wool Reversible Paisley Shawls, from 9s. 11d. to 59s. 6d.  
White Canton Crape Shawls, from 21s. to 5 guineas.  
Tartan Plaids, Square and Long Shawls, 7s. 11d. to 35s.

## LADIES' FRENCH AND IRISH CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEF DEPARTMENT.

Extensive Purchases were effected in this Department previously to the recent advance in the market value of these goods, and we therefore offer the best makes of Irish Cambric Handkerchief, at the following low prices; guaranteed all pure linen, and quite square in shape:—

1s. 1½d. the Half Dozen.	2s. 3d. the Half Dozen.	3s. 9d. the Half Dozen.
1s. 3d. " "	2s. 7½d. " "	4s. 3d. " "
1s. 4d. " "	2s. 9d. " "	5s. 3d. " "
1s. 9d. " "	3s. 1½d. " "	6s. 3d. " "
2s. 1½d. " "	3s. 3d. " "	7s. 3d. to 12s. 6d.,

Machine hemmed and washed ready for use, 1s. 7½d., 1s. 9d., 2s., 2s. 4½d., 2s. 6d., 3s., 3s. 4½d., 3s. 6d., 3s. 9d., 4s. 3d., 4s. 9d., 5s. 3d., 6s. 3d., to 10s. 6d. the half dozen.

400 Dozen Best-make Ladies' Hem-stitched Handkerchiefs, ¼, ½, 1, 1½ inch hems, in fancy boxes, containing 1 dozen each, 6s. 6d., 8s., 9s. 6d., 11s. 6d., 12s. 6d., 14s. 6d., 17s. 6d., 19s. 6d., to 35s. 6d. per dozen.

A large parcel of the best French Cambric Handkerchiefs greatly below ordinary quotations:—

5s. 3d. the half dozen.	9s. 3d. the half dozen.	12s. 3d. the half dozen.
6s. 9d. " "	10s. 6d. " "	21s. " "
7s. 9d. " "		

30 dozen Embroidered Madeira Handkerchiefs. Sale price, 8½d. each.

## REAL MADEIRA EMBROIDERY DEPARTMENT.

In this department is a large Parcel of Madeira Embroideries in Edgings, Scollops, and Insertions of the finest work manufactured.

6½d. per yard.	1s. 4½d. per yard.	2s. 0d. per yard.
9½d. per yard. <td>1s. 5½d. per yard. <td>2s. 3d. per yard. </td></td>	1s. 5½d. per yard. <td>2s. 3d. per yard. </td>	2s. 3d. per yard.
10d. per yard. <td>1s. 6½d. per yard. <td>2s. 6d. per yard. </td></td>	1s. 6½d. per yard. <td>2s. 6d. per yard. </td>	2s. 6d. per yard.
11½d. per yard. <td>1s. 9½d. per yard. <td>2s. 9½d. per yard. </td></td>	1s. 9½d. per yard. <td>2s. 9½d. per yard. </td>	2s. 9½d. per yard.
1s. 1d. per yard. <td>1s. 11½d. per yard. <td>3s. 3d. to 7s. 3d. per yard. </td></td>	1s. 11½d. per yard. <td>3s. 3d. to 7s. 3d. per yard. </td>	3s. 3d. to 7s. 3d. per yard.
1s. 3½d. per yard. <td></td> <td></td>		

## SWISS AND SAXONY EMBROIDERY.

The great demand for Swiss and Saxony Embroideries has led us to make extraordinary purchases from the best manufacturers in St. Gallen in Edgings, Scollops, and Insertions, which are offered at the following low prices:—

2½d. per yard	4½d. per yard	9½d. per yard	11½d. per yard
3½d. " "	6½d. " "	10½d. " "	1s. 1½d. to 7s. 6d. per yd.

## BLACK DEPARTMENT.

The recent depression in the Bradford and other markets has enabled us to effect some purchases on very advantageous terms, to which, with confidence, we invite attention. Special lots:—

Lot No. 1. Black Brilliantines, bright heavy make, 1s. 0½d. per yard; regular price, 1s. 6½d.  
Lot No. 2. Black Brilliantines, bright heavy make, extra width and quality, 1s. 4½d. per yard; regular price 1s. 11½d.  
Lot No. 3. Black Persian Cords, yarn dyed, and guaranteed make; 1s. 0½d. per yard, worth 1s. 4½d.  
Lot No. 4. Black Persian Cords, yarn dyed, and extra quality, 1s. 4½d. per yard, worth 1s. 9½d.  
Lot No. 5. Black Persian Cords, yarn dyed, and extra super quality; 1s. 6½d. per yard, worth 2s.  
Lot No. 6. Black Russell Cords, yarn dyed, heavy bright make; 1s. 0½d. per yard, worth 1s. 4½d.  
Lot No. 7. Black All-wool Serges: 1s. 2½d. per yard, worth 1s. 6½d.  
Lot No. 8. Black All-wool Serges: 1s. 6½d. per yard, worth 1s. 11½d.  
Lot No. 9. Black All-wool Matelasses: 1s. 0½d. per yard, worth 1s. 6½d.  
Lot No. 10. Black All-wool French Satin Cloths: 1s. 4½d. per yd., worth 1s. 9½d.  
Lot No. 11. Black All-wool French Satin Cloths: 1s. 9½d. per yd., worth 2s. 3½d.  
Lot No. 12. Black All-wool French Satin Cloths: 2s. per yard, worth 2s. 9d.  
Lot No. 13. Black All-wool French Satin Cloths: 2s. 6d. per yd., worth 3s. 9d.  
Lot No. 14. Black All-wool French Poplins: 1s. 4½d., 1s. 6½d., 1s. 9½d., and 2s. 3d. per yard.

## STUFF DEPARTMENT.

French Merinos, heavy power-loom makes in all colours, including the newest shades.

Three Special Lots of extraordinary value.

Lot No. 1, 88 inches wide, 1s. 4½d. per yard.

Lot No. 2, 42 inches wide, 1s. 9½d. per yard.

Lot No. 3, 44 inches wide, 2s. 6d. per yard.

All colours the same price.

Higher qualities in French Merinos, also rich quality double Cachmeres in the newest shades; greatly reduced.

A large stock of Striped Skirtings considerably under market value.

Felt Cloths, two yards wide, at reduced prices.

A quantity of Remnants of Striped Skirtings, very cheap.

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## MADE-UP SKIRT DEPARTMENT.

A Manufacturer's Stock of Silk and Satin Skirts will be offered, much under our regular prices, in five lots:—

- Lot No. 1. Black Satin Diamond-quilted Skirts, full size: 13s. 9d., 16s. 9d., 19s. 6d., 21s.; regular prices from 18s. 9d. to 29s. 6d.  
 Lot No. 2. Black Satin Diamond-quilted Skirts, extra rich quality: 25s. 6d., 27s. 6d., 29s. 6d.; regular prices from 35s. 6d. to 55s.  
 Lot No. 3. Black Satin Quilted and Flounced Skirts, rich quality and full size: 25s. 6d.; regular price, 35s. 6d.  
 Lot No. 4. Black Satin Costume Skirts, handsomely trimmed and newest styles: 25s. 6d., 27s. 6d., 29s. 6d., 35s. 6d., 42s.; regular price from 42s. to 4 guineas.  
 Lot No. 5. Black Silk Costume Skirts: 27s. 6d., 29s. 6d., 35s. 6d., 42s.; regular prices from 45s. to 75s.

- 486 Black Alpaca Quilted Skirts: 6s. 11d., 7s. 11d., 8s. 11d., 9s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 11s. 9d., 13s. 9d.; regular value from 8s. 11d. to 21s.

- 280 Black Italian Cloth Quilted Skirts: 9s. 11d., 11s. 9d., 13s. 9d.

A Manufacturer's Stock of Felt Skirts, in six lots.

- Lot No. 1, 3s. 11d.; original prices from 5s. 11d. to 6s. 11d.  
 Lot No. 2, 4s. 11d.; original prices, 7s. 11d. to 8s. 11d.  
 Lot No. 3, 5s. 11d.; original prices, 8s. 11d. to 10s. 6d.  
 Lot No. 4, 6s. 11d.; original prices, 10s. 6d. to 12s. 9d.  
 Lot No. 5, 7s. 11d.; original prices, 11s. 9d. to 13s. 9d.  
 Lot No. 6, 8s. 11d.; original prices, 13s. 9d. to 15s. 9d.

Higher prices in regular stock considerably reduced.

CHILDREN'S SKIRTS, in Felt, black-quilted Alpaca, and black and coloured quilted Satin, at half price.

A Limited Quantity of LINEN COSTUME SKIRTS, remains of Summer Stock, at less than half price.

## PRINT DEPARTMENT.

A Large Lot of Prints, worth from 7½d. to 1s. 0½d. per yard, offered all at one price:—

- 3s. 11d. the Dress of 8 yards. 4s. 11d. the Dress of 10 yards.  
 4s. 6d. the Dress of 9 yards. Other lengths in proportion.

Another Lot of Prints, about half of which are more or less soiled, offered all at—

- 2s. 11d. the Dress of 8 yards. 3s. 8d. the Dress of 10 yards.  
 3s. 4d. the Dress of 9 yards. Other lengths in proportion.

A Large Quantity of Remnants of Prints, Linens, Galateas, Matelasses, Oxford Shirtings, Piques, Striped and Figured Sateens, and other Washing Materials, at an Extraordinary Reduction.

## HOUSEHOLD LINEN DEPARTMENT.

In this important department attention is invited to the extensive stock of the best makes of Irish, Scotch, and Barnsley Linen Sheetings and Pillow Linens, Cotton Sheetings and Pillow Calicoes, Bleached Table Cloths, Napkins, Tray Cloths, Slip Damasks and Doyleys to match in all sizes; Nursery and Pinafore Diapers, Bleached and Unbleached Huckabacks, Tea Cloths, Glass Cloths, and Towellings of every description; Bath, Bury, and Whitney Blankets, Welsh, Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Saxony Flannels, French Twill Flannels in every shade; Scarlet and White Bath Coatings, in all widths; Down Quilts, Reys, Damasks, Cretonnes, and Printed Dimities in great variety.

Having purchased, for cash, a Stock of 150 Pieces of Real Doublewarp Sheetings, at 25 per cent off the regular price, we have pleasure in submitting them at the following low prices:—

- Lot 1. 2 yards wide, 35 pieces, at 1s. 6d. per yard.  
 Lot 2. 2½ yards wide, 35 pieces, at 1s. 7½d. per yard.  
 Lot 3. 2½ yards wide, 40 pieces, at 1s. 10d. per yard.  
 Lot 4. 2½ yards wide, 30 pieces, at 2s. 9d. per yard.  
 Lot 5. 3 yards wide, 20 pieces, at 2s. 11d. per yard.

## DOUBLE-WARP TWILL SHEETINGS.

- 2 yards wide, 15 pieces, at 1s. 8d. per yard.  
 2½ yards wide, 30 pieces, at 2s. 9d. per yard.  
 2½ yards wide, 25 pieces, at 2s. 7½d. per yard.  
 2½ yards wide, 15 pieces, at 2s. 5d. per yard.  
 3 yards wide, 10 pieces, at 3s. 11d. per yard.

## CROYDON SHEETINGS.

- 2 yards wide, 10 pieces, at 1s. 0½d. per yard.  
 2½ yards wide, 25 pieces, at 1s. 3½d. per yard.  
 2½ yards wide, 20 pieces, at 1s. 7½d. per yard.  
 3 yards wide, 15 pieces, at 2s. 3d. per yard.

840 Pair of Hemmed Sheets, various widths, and of the best quality; 40 Dozen Pillow Slips and 18 Dozen Bolster Cases, at extremely low prices.  
 250 yards of Sheetings, in lengths varying from 2½ to 14 yards, very much below market value.

## TOILET QUILTS.

Hand loom Quilts at discounts varying from 20 to 40 per cent; some of the goods slightly soiled.

- Lot 1. 25 1½ yards wide, 2½ yards long, 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. each.  
 Lot 2. 25 9 yards wide, 2½ yards long, 9s. 6d. to 16s. 6d. each.  
 Lot 3. 25 9 yards wide, 2½ yards long, 10s. 6d. to 22s. 6d. each.  
 Lot 4. 25 9 yards wide, 3 yards long, 11s. 6d. to 35s. 0d. each.  
 Lot 5. 78 2½ yards wide, 3½ yards long, 15s. 6d. to 59s. 0d. each.  
 Lot 6. 35 3 yards wide, 3½ yards long, 37s. 6d. to 59s. 0d. each.

These quilts are of the finest quality and newest designs, and are offered in some instances at nearly half the original price.

## TABLE LINEN DEPARTMENT.

This Department contains a purchase of several hundred Irish Damask Cloths, in sizes varying from 1½ to 6 yards long, bought at a large discount from regular prices.

- 1½ yards square, from 1s. 4½d. to 2s. 11d. each.  
 1½ yards square, from 1s. 11d. to 6s. 6d. each.  
 2 yards square, from 2s. 11d. to 19s. 6d. each.  
 2 yards by 2½ yards, from 4s. 11d. to 25s. each.  
 2½ yards by 3 yards, from 10s. 9d. to 50s. each.  
 Table Napkins, from 3s. 6d. to 70s. per dozen.

Round, Square, and Oval Doyleys, Tray Cloths, and Slip Damasks of equally sterling value.

## HUCKABACKS, DIAPERS, TOWELLINGS, GLASS CLOTHS, &amp;c.

- 16 Pieces Bleached Huckaback, from 8d. to 1s. 9d. per yard.  
 20 Pieces Unbleached Huckaback, from 6½d. to 1s. 3d. per yard.  
 20 Pieces Check Glass Cloth, from 4½d. to 1s. 0d. per yard.  
 10 Pieces Plain Tea Cloth, from 6½d. to 11d. per yard.  
 80 Pieces Nursery Diaper, from 4½d. to 10d. per yard.  
 10 Pieces Extra Wide Diaper, from 7½d. to 1s. 8d. per yard.  
 300 Dozen Huckaback Towels, at 4½d. each.  
 120 Dozen Honeycomb Towels, at 6½d. each.  
 70 Dozen Honeycomb Towels (large size), at 8½d. each.  
 50 Dozen Damask Bordered Towels, from 12s. 6d. to 39s. per dozen.  
 20 Dozen Turkish Towels, at 6½d. each.

## A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF TURKISH TOWELS AND BATH SHEETS.

## BLANKET DEPARTMENT.

Bath, Bury, Whitney, and Austrian Blankets, all regular makes. We have recently purchased very advantageously a large Stock of the above, as under:—

## WITNEY BLANKETS, ALL WOOL.

- 1½ yards by 2½ yards, 4½lb. weight, 8s. 11d. per pair.  
 1½ yards by 2½ yards, 5½lb. weight, 10s. 9d. per pair.  
 2 yards by 2½ yards, 6½lb. weight, 12s. 6d. per pair.  
 2 yards by 2½ yards, 7½lb. weight, 15s. 6d. per pair.

## BURY BLANKETS, ALL WOOL.

- 1½ yards by 2½ yards, 11s. 6d. to 15s. 9d. per pair.  
 2 yards by 2½ yards, 14s. 9d. to 22s. 0d. per pair.  
 2½ yards by 2½ yards, 19s. 6d. to 39s. 6d. per pair.

## BATH BLANKETS, ALL WOOL.

- 1½ yards by 2½ yards, 16s. 6d. to 25s. 0d. per pair.  
 2 yards by 2½ yards, 22s. 6d. to 37s. 6d. per pair.  
 2½ yards by 2½ yards, 29s. 6d. to 45s. 0d. per pair.  
 2½ yards by 3 yards, 35s. 0d. to 67s. 6d. per pair.

- 150 Pairs of SOILED BLANKETS, at very low prices.  
 DOWN QUILTS, in all sizes, 1s. per square foot.

## TABLE COVERS.

- 290 Printed Cloth Covers, 2 yards square, 7s. 11d. each.  
 78 Washing Victoria Covers, 2 yards square, 8s. 9d. each.  
 50 Embroidered Covers, 2 yards square, 9s. 6d. each.  
 225 Richly Embroidered Covers, 2 yds. square, from 14s. 6d. to 75s. each.  
 60 Velvet Pile Covers, 37s. 6d. each; usual price, 88s.  
 Table Baisers, 2 yards wide, from 4s. 11d. to 8s. 11d. per yard.

## WHITE CALICO DEPARTMENT.

- 20 pieces Washed Shirting, at 8½d. per yard.  
 30 pieces Longcloth, at 4½d. per yard.  
 50 pieces Medium Shirting, pure finish, at 5½d. per yard.  
 70 pieces Fine Longcloth, at 6½d. per yard.  
 35 pieces Heavy Shirting, at 6½d. per yard.  
 20 pieces Medium Shirting, pure finish, at 7½d. per yard.  
 15 pieces Medium Shirting, pure finish, at 8½d. per yard.  
 Horrocks's Longcloths, from 4½d. per yard. All numbers at list prices.

## CURTAIN DEPARTMENT.

In this Department, as in former years, a beautifully assorted Stock of Swiss, Nottingham, Lace, and Leno Curtains is submitted, bought under very favourable circumstances from some of the best manufacturers at home and abroad.

## LACE CURTAINS.

- 300 pairs, 6 yards long, from 2s. 6d. to 6s. 11d. per pair.  
 450 pairs, 7 yards long, from 5s. 6d. to 15s. per pair.  
 575 pairs, 8 yards long, from 10s. 6d. to 50s. per pair.  
 120 pairs, 9 yards long, from 25s. to 55s. per pair.

## LENO CURTAINS.

- 250 Pairs 6 yards long, from 2s. 6d. to 9s. 6d. per pair.  
 320 Pairs 7 yards long, from 6s. 6d. to 15s. 6d. per pair.  
 300 Pairs 8 yards long, from 10s. 6d. to 42s. per pair.  
 50 Pairs 9 yards long, from 21s. to 85s. per pair.

## HARNES CURTAINS.

- 200 Pairs 6 yards long, from 2s. 3d. to 7s. 6d. per pair.  
 190 Pairs 7 yards long, from 4s. 11d. to 13s. 6d. per pair.  
 150 Pairs 8 yards long, from 9s. 6d. to 25s. per pair.

## SWISS CURTAINS.

Special attention is invited to a Large Lot of Swiss Lace Curtains, purchased at the end of the past season at fully 50 per cent under makers' prices, which are offered as under:—

- 30 Pairs 7 yards long, from 16s. 6d. to 25s. per pair.  
 65 Pairs 8 yards long, from 21s. to 90s. per pair.  
 25 Pairs 9 yards long, from 45s. to 150s. per pair.

A large number of Soiled Curtains, some of which are less than half price.

## LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERCLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Special attention is invited to this important department, containing a large and well-assorted stock of every requisite for Ladies' and Children's wear. All these goods are of our own manufacture, and are of the best shape and quality.

## LADIES' DRESSING JACKETS.

- Ladies' Print Dressing Jackets, from 2s. 6d. to 5s. 11d.  
 Ladies' White Muslinette Dressing Jackets, 4s. 11d. to 10s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Flannel Dressing Jackets, 4s. 11d., 5s. 11d., 10s. 6d., 25s.  
 Complete Wedding Trouseaux, from 15 to 250 guineas.

## LADIES' DRAWERS.

- Ladies' Plain-tucked Drawers (Horrocks's cloth), 1s. 6d., 1s. 11d., 2s. 3d., 2s. 11d., 2s. 9d.  
 Ladies' Drawers, trimmed Swiss edge, 2s. 3d., 2s. 6d., 2s. 9d., 3s. 3d. to 9s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Drawers, trimmed Swiss and Scotch insertion and edge, 3s. 11d., 4s. 6d., 6d.  
 Ladies' Drawers, trimmed Madeira edge, 4s. 11d., 5s. 11d., 6s. 11d., 8s. 6d. to 12s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Drawers, trimmed Madeira edge and insertion, 6s. 6d., 7s. 11d., 9s. 11d. to 15s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Twill Calico Drawers, plain and trimmed.  
 Ladies' Flannel Drawers, in scarlet and white, 3s. 11d. to 7s. 11d.

## LADIES' CHEMISES.

- Ladies' Plain Chemises, 1s. 6d., 1s. 9d., 1s. 11d., 2s. 3d., 2s. 11d. to 4s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Frilled Chemises, 2s. 6d., 2s. 11d. to 3s. 11d.  
 Ladies' Chemises, fancy fronts, trimmed Swiss edge and insertion, 1s. 11d., 2s. 9d., 2s. 9d., 2s. 11d., 3s. 6d. to 5s. 6d.

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## LADIES' CHEMISES—(Continued).

Ladies' Chemises, trimmed Scotch and Swiss edge and insertion, 1s. 11d., 2s. 3d., 2s. 9d., 2s. 11d., 3s. 6d. to 5s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Chemises, trimmed Madeira edge, 4s. 11d., 5s. 11d., to 7s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Chemises, fancy fronts, Madeira edge and insertion, 7s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 9s. 11d., to 18s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Chemises, handsomely trimmed with lace and needlework, 19s. 6d. to 35s.

## LADIES' NIGHT DRESSES.

In Horrocks's, Crewdson's, and Daeco Twist Cloth.

Ladies' Plain Night Dresses, 2s. 11d., 3s. 5d., 3s. 9d., to 5s. 11d.  
 Ladies' Night Dresses, trimmed frilling, 5s. 11d., to 5s. 11d.  
 Ladies' Night Dresses, tucked fronts, trimmed Swiss edge and insertion, 8s. 11d., 4s. 11d., 5s. 11d., to 18s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Night Dresses, fancy fronts, trimmed Swiss and Scotch edge, 5s. 11d., 7s. 11d., to 18s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Night Dresses, trimmed Madeira edge, 6s. 11d. to 12s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Night Dresses, handsomely trimmed fancy fronts, 9s. 11d., 12s. 6d., 15s. 6d., 25s., to 2 guineas.  
 Ladies' Twill Calico Night Dresses, 4s. 11d. to 10s. 6d.

## LADIES' FLANNEL PETTICOATS.

Ladies' Flannel Petticoats, white and scarlet, 3s. 11d., 4s. 11d., 5s. 6d., to 10s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Flannel Petticoats, white and scarlet, embroidered, 5s. 11d., 6s. 11d., 8s. 11d., 10s. 6d., to 30s.

## LADIES' WHITE SKIRTS.

Ladies' Plain Tucked Skirts, 1s. 11d., 2s. 6d., 2s. 11d., 3s. 6d., to 5s. 11d.  
 Ladies' Skirts, trimmed needlework, 3s. 6d., 4s. 11d., 5s. 11d., to 10s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Skirts, handsomely trimmed, embroidered flounces, 7s. 11d., 10s. 6d., 15s. 6d., to 3 guineas.  
 Ladies' White Muslin and Tarsitan, for evening wear.

## LADIES' BODICES.

Ladies' Plain Bodices, all sizes, 1s. 6d., 1s. 9d., to 2s. 11d.  
 Ladies' Bodices, trimmed Scotch and Swiss edge, 2s. 11d. to 5s. 11d.  
 Ladies' handsomely-trimmed Camisoles, from 4s. 11d. to 15s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Bodices and Vests, in white and scarlet flannel.  
 Ladies' Nightcaps, trimmed lace and needlework, 4½d., 6½d., 8½d., 1s., to 5s. 6d.

## LADIES' FLANNEL DRESSING GOWNS.

Ladies' Dressing Gowns, in plain and fancy flannels, from 15s. 6d. to 2 guineas.  
 A Large Assortment of Felt Dressing Gowns, much under the usual price.  
 Cashmere and Quilted Satin Dressing Gowns, from 5 to 7 guineas.  
 Children's Flannel Dressing Gowns, in all sizes.

Ladies' Print Wrappers, 4s. 11d., 5s. 11d., 10s. 6d., to one guinea.

## BABY LINEN DEPARTMENT.

Infants' Cambric Shirts, trimmed lace, 4½d., 5½d., 7½d., to 1s. 6d.  
 Infants' Lawn Shirts, trimmed lace, 9½d., 11½d., 1s. 2d., to 2s. 11d.  
 Infants' Lawn Shirts, trimmed real lace, 1s. 6d., 1s. 9d., 2s. 6d., 2s. 11d.

## INFANTS' NIGHTGOWNS.

Infants' Nightgowns, trimmed edge, 1s. 6d., 1s. 9d., 2s. 3d., to 4s. 9d.  
 Infants' Haircord Monthly Gowns, 1s. 11d., 2s. 11d., 3s. 6d., 4s. 11d., 12s. 6d.  
 Infants' Flannel Berras, 2s. 11d., 3s. 11d., 4s. 6d., to 10s. 6d.  
 Infants' Robes, tucked skirts and trimmed bodices, 5s. 6d., 4s. 6d., to 8s. 11d.  
 Infants' Robes, trimmed lace and insertion, 7s. 11d., 10s. 6d., 15s. 6d., 18s. 6d., to 6 guineas.  
 Infants' White Frocks, 3s. 9d., 5s. 11d., 7s. 6d., to 12s. 6d.  
 Infants' White Frocks, trimmed needlework, 6s. 11d., 9s. 6d., 12s. 6d., to 25s.  
 Infants' White Frocks, handsomely trimmed robe fronts, 21s. to 3 guineas.  
 Infants' Cloaks, white and coloured cashmere, 6s. 11d. to 8½ guineas.  
 A Choice Selection of Infants' Millinery much under price.  
 Infants' Bassinets and Baskets, completely furnished.

## RIBBON DEPARTMENT.

120 Pieces All-Silk Satin Ribbon, 1½d. per yard; usual price, 2½d. per yard.  
 60 Pieces No. 12 Coloured Faille, 6½d. per yard; usual price, 8½d. per yard.  
 80 Pieces No. 16 Coloured Faille, 7½d. per yard; usual price, 10½d. per yard.  
 40 Pieces No. 12 Black Faille, 7½d. per yard; usual price, 10½d. per yard.  
 55 Pieces No. 16 Black Faille, 8½d. per yard; usual price, 11½d. per yard.  
 90 Pieces No. 16 Black Faille, 9½d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 0½d. per yard.  
 20 Pieces Black Twill Ribbon, 10½d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 2½d. per yard.  
 40 Pieces Natté Scarf Ribbon, 11½d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 3½d. per yard.  
 35 Pieces Natté Scarf Ribbon, 1s. 3½d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 7½d. per yard.  
 30 Pieces Rich Serge Scarf Ribbon, 1s. 6½d. per yard; usual price, 2s. 6d. per yard.  
 85 Pieces Frosted Scarf Ribbon, 1s. 6½d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 11½d. per yard.  
 25 Pieces Natté Scarf Ribbon, 1s. 7½d. per yard; usual price, 2s. 3d. per yard.  
 15 Pieces 5in. Coloured Faille Sash Ribbon, 1s. 8½d. per yd.; usual price, 1s. 7½d. per yd.  
 10 Pieces Black Satin Striped Sash, 1s. 4½d. per yd.; usual price, 1s. 9½d. per yd.  
 30 Pieces 6in. Color'd Faille Sash Ribbon, 1s. 9½d. per yd.; usual price, 2s. 4½d. per yd.  
 55 Pieces Faille and Satine Sash Ribbon, 1s. 11½d. per yd.; usual price, 2s. 11d. per yd.  
 40 Pieces 7in. Color'd Faille Sash Ribbon, 2s. 4½d. per yd.; usual price, 2s. 11d. per yd.  
 10 Pieces 6in. Black Faille Sash Ribbon, 2s. 7½d. per yd.; usual price, 3s. 6d. per yd.  
 80 Pieces 7in. Rich Cl'd Faille Sash Ribbon, 2s. 11½d. per yd.; usual price, 4s. 6d. per yd.  
 10 Pieces 7in. Rich Black Faille Sash Ribbon, 2s. 11½d. per yd.; usual price, 3s. 11d. per yd.  
 200 Black Fringe Sashes, 4s. 11d. each; usual price, 5s. 11d. each.

## FLOWER DEPARTMENT.

15 boxes French Flowers, 2½d. per spray. 18 boxes French Flowers, 3½d. per spray.  
 12 boxes French Flowers, 4½d. per spray. 16 boxes French Flowers, 1s. 0½d. per spray.  
 25 boxes French Flowers, 6½d. per spray. 18 boxes French Flowers, 1s. 3½d. per spray.  
 800 French Wreaths, Droops, Trails, &c., 1s. 0½d., 1s. 3½d., 1s. 6½d., 1s. 11½d., 2s. 6d., 2s. 11d., 3s. 11d.; worth from 2s. 6d. to 17s. 6d.

These Goods, which consist of Evening, Mourning, and Bonnet Flowers, are quite fresh, and have been made for the present season.

## FEATHER DEPARTMENT.

400 Fancy Feathers, 3½d. each; usual price, 9½d. to 1s. 0½d.  
 500 Fancy Feathers, 4½d. each; usual price, 1s. 0½d. to 1s. 6½d.  
 800 Fancy Feathers, 6½d. each; usual price, 1s. 3½d. to 2s. 6d.  
 700 Black and Navy Hackle Feathers, 10½d., 1s. 0½d. each; usual price, 8s. 6d. and 5s. 6d.  
 250 Birds', 9½d., 1s. 0½d. each; usual price, 2s. 3d. to 4s. 6d.  
 60 Natural Feather Plumes, 1s. 3½d., 1s. 6½d., 1s. 11½d., and 2s. 6d. each; worth from 2s. 6d. to 6s. 6d.  
 80 Black Ostrich Feathers, 10½d., 1s. 6½d., 1s. 11½d. each; worth from 1s. 6d. to 5s. 6d.  
 200 Long Natural Feathers, 3s. 11d., 4s. 11d., 5s. 11d., 6s. 11d., 7s. 11d., 8s. 11d.; worth from 7s. 6d. to 21s.  
 150 Long Black Ostrich Feathers, 3s. 11d., 4s. 11d., 5s. 11d., 6s. 11d., 7s. 11d., 8s. 11d., 9s. 11d. each; worth from 6s. 11d. to 19s. 6d.  
 500 yards Black and Natural Feather Trimming, 1s. 2½d. per yd.; worth 2s. 6d. per yd.  
 650 yards of Black Ostrich Feather Trimming, 1s. 11½d., 2s. 6d. per yd.; worth from 2s. 6d. to 5s. 11d. per yd.

The ordinary stock of Feathers is re-marked at greatly reduced prices for the sale.

## BLACK SILK DEPARTMENT.

Portion of the Silk Stock of Messrs. Carlton, Walker, and Co., Manchester.

This firm having entirely withdrawn from the silk trade within the last few weeks, we have secured a considerable portion of their stock of Black Silks at a discount of 25 per cent off ordinary market prices. The full advantage of this arrangement will be given to the public. Quotations as under:—

1s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 11d. 3s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 4s. 3d.  
 1s. 9d. per yard; usual price, 2s. 2d. 3s. 9d. per yard; usual price, 4s. 6d.  
 2s. 1½d. per yard; usual price, 2s. 9½d. 8s. 11½d. per yard; usual price, 4s. 11d.  
 2s. 3½d. per yard; usual price, 2s. 11½d. 4s. 3d. per yard; usual price, 5s. 6d.  
 2s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 3s. 3½d. 4s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 6s. 0d.  
 2s. 9d. per yard; usual price, 3s. 6½d. 5s. 0d. per yard; usual price, 6s. 3d.  
 2s. 11½d. per yard; usual price, 3s. 9½d. 6s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 6s. 6d.  
 3s. 3½d. per yard; usual price, 4s. 0d.  
 Richer Silks, 6s., 6s. 6d., 7s., 7s. 6d., 8s., 8s. 6d., 9s., 9s. 6d., 10s., to 12s. 6d. per yard, at greatly reduced prices.

A large stock of J. C. Bonnet and Co.'s rich Black Silks; also the celebrated Cashmere Victoria, the wear of each make being guaranteed.

## COLOURED SILK DEPARTMENT.

Special attention is directed to the large stock of Fancy Silks in this department, also to an extensive purchase of plain colours, made from some of the leading English and foreign manufacturers, which is now submitted at the following exceptionally low quotations:—

1st lot, 3,000 yards plain colours, 2s. 6½d.; worth 3s. 6½d.  
 2nd lot, 5,000 yards plain colours, 3s. 6½d.; worth 4s. 5d.  
 3rd lot, 4,000 yards plain colours, 3s. 11½d.; worth 4s. 11d.

The following Lots are below manufacturers' prices:—

1s. 6½d. per yard; usual price 1s. 11½d. 3s. 6½d. per yard; usual price, 3s. 11½d.  
 1s. 9d. per yard; usual price, 2s. 6d. 3s. 11½d. per yard; usual price, 4s. 9d.  
 2s. 1½d. per yard; usual price, 2s. 11½d. 4s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 5s. 3d.  
 2s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 3s. 6½d. 4s. 11d. per yard; usual price, 6s. 6d.  
 2s. 11½d. per yard; usual price, 3s. 9½d.

There will also be some Rich Goods sold at about one half their original price.

## GLOVE DEPARTMENT.

2,000 dozens of the best Paris and Grenoble Kid Gloves, in beautiful condition, and in a full assortment of shades, to be sold at about one-half the price paid usually for the same goods.

Attention is respectfully invited to the above extraordinary purchase of Kid Gloves. The Paris goods are manufactured by Courvoisier and Co., each pair being stamped with their name, and the quality being the very best that can be procured.

600 Dozen of Ladies' best Paris Kid Gloves (Courvoisier); sale price 2s. 4½d. per pair, usual price 4s. and 4s. 6d.

400 Dozen Ladies' best Grenoble Kid Gloves; sale price 2s. 4½d. per pair, ordinary price 3s. 6d.

330 Dozen Ladies' French Kid Gloves; sale price 1s. 10½d. per pair, usual price 3s.

80 Dozen Ladies' Cuffed French Kid Gloves; sale price 2s. 6d. per pair, usual price 4s. 6d.

250 Dozen Ladies' Two-button French Kid; sale price 2s. 9d. per pair, regular price 4s.

100 Dozen Gentlemen's Paris Kid Gloves; sale price 2s. 9d., usual price 4s. 9d.

100 Dozen Gentlemen's Paris Kid Gloves; light shades for evening wear; sale price 2s. 4½d., usual price 4s.

60 Dozen Gentlemen's Double-sewn Cape Gloves; sale price 1s. 10½d. per pair, usual price 2s. 6d.

40 Dozen Gentlemen's Double-sewn Embroidered; sale price 1s. 10½d. per pair; usual price, 3s.

50 Dozen Children's Kid Gloves; sale price, 1s. 6½d. per pair for all sizes.

60 Dozen Boys' Double-sewn Kid Gloves; sale price 1s. 6½d. per pair; usual price, 1s. 9d. to 2s. 6d., according to size.

## LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S DRIVING GLOVES.

200 Dozen of the above Goods, in Lined Leather, Doeskin, Doeskin Tibburey, and a large variety of other kinds; sale price, 1s. 10½d. per pair; usual price from 3s. to 5s.

## SILK VELVETS AND VELVETEEN DEPARTMENT.

Black Velvets from 8s. 9d. per yard upwards.  
 Coloured Velvets from 5s. per yard upwards.  
 Black Velveteen, patent finish, dull fast dye, from 2s. 6d. to 4s. 6d. per yard.  
 Coloured Velveteens, in all the new and fashionable colours.  
 Black Crapes, Bonnet Silks, Black and Coloured Union Satins, at reduced prices.

## GENTLEMEN'S HOSIERY DEPARTMENT.

Attention is directed to a Large Parcel of Cotton, Merino, and Cashmere Half Hose of the very best manufacture, and at prices likely to effect a speedy clearance.

55 doz. Self-coloured and Striped Merino Half Hose; sale price 1s. 0½d. per pair, usual price, 1s. 9d.

60 doz. Fancy Striped Merino Half Hose; sale price 1s. 6½d. per pair, worth from 2s. to 2s. 6d. per pair.

60 doz. Best Quality Ribbed and Fancy Striped Cashmere Half Hose; sale price, 1s. 11½d. per pair, worth from 3s. to 3s. 6d. per pair.

50 doz. Gentlemen's Fancy Striped Cotton Half Hose of the very best quality; sale price 1s. 6½d. per pair.

A small parcel of Gentlemen's Shooting Hose; sale price 2s. 11d. per pair, regular price 5s.

Gentlemen's Merino Vests, white, self-coloured, and striped; sale price 2s. 11d., 3s. 6d., and 3s. 11d.

These goods are all much under regular prices.

## LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HOSIERY DEPARTMENT.

In this department is a large and varied assortment of useful Winter Hosiery, at considerably less than manufacturers' cost price.

50 Dozen Ladies' Self-Coloured Merino Hose; sale price, 1s. 0½d. per pair, usual price 1s. 6d. per pair.

25 Dozen Ladies' Ribbed Merino Hose; sale price 1s. 6½d., usual price 2s.

40 Dozen Ladies' Cashmere and Merino Hose; sale price 1s. 11½d. per pair, usual price 3s.

30 Dozen Ladies' Navy-blue Striped Cashmere and Embroidered Hose; sale price 2s. 11d. per pair, regular price 4s. and 5s. per pair.

40 Dozen Ladies' Ribbed Worsted and Cashmere Hose of the best quality, in black, white, scarlet, steel, navy, and chocolate; sale price 2s. 11d. per pair, regular price 4s.

30 Dozen Second-quality Ribbed Worsted Hose; sale price 1s. 11½d. per pair, usual price 2s. 9d.

30 Dozen Small Sizes Children's Ribbed Merino and Cashmere Hose; sale price 10½d. and 1s. 2½d. per pair.

50 Dozen Children's Ribbed Merino and Cashmere Hose, medium sizes; sale price 1s. 6½d. per pair, worth from 2s. to 2s. 6d. per pair.

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## MADE-UP SKIRT DEPARTMENT.

A Manufacturer's Stock of Silk and Satin Skirts will be offered, much under our regular prices, in five lots:—

- Lot No. 1. Black Satin Diamond-quilted Skirts, full size: 13s. 9d., 16s. 9d., 19s. 6d., 21s.; regular prices from 18s. 9d. to 29s. 6d.  
 Lot No. 2. Black Satin Diamond-quilted Skirts, extra rich quality: 25s. 6d., 27s. 6d., 29s. 6d.; regular prices from 35s. 6d. to 55s.  
 Lot No. 3. Black Satin Quilted and Flounced Skirts, rich quality and full size: 25s. 6d.; regular price, 35s. 6d.  
 Lot No. 4. Black Satin Costume Skirts, handsomely trimmed and newest styles: 25s. 6d., 27s. 6d., 29s. 6d., 35s. 6d., 42s.; regular price from 42s. to 4 guineas.  
 Lot No. 5. Black Silk Costume Skirts: 27s. 6d., 29s. 6d., 35s. 6d., 42s.; regular prices from 45s. to 75s.

- 486 Black Alpaca Quilted Skirts: 6s. 11d., 7s. 11d., 8s. 11d., 9s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 11s. 9d., 13s. 9d.; regular value from 8s. 11d. to 21s.  
 280 Black Italian Cloth Quilted Skirts: 9s. 11d., 11s. 9d., 13s. 9d.

A Manufacturer's Stock of Felt Skirts, in six lots.

- Lot No. 1. 3s. 11d.; original prices from 5s. 11d. to 6s. 11d.  
 Lot No. 2. 4s. 11d.; original prices, 7s. 11d. to 8s. 11d.  
 Lot No. 3. 5s. 11d.; original prices, 8s. 11d. to 10s. 6d.  
 Lot No. 4. 6s. 11d.; original prices, 10s. 6d. to 12s. 9d.  
 Lot No. 5. 7s. 11d.; original prices, 11s. 9d. to 13s. 9d.  
 Lot No. 6. 8s. 11d.; original prices, 13s. 9d. to 15s. 9d.

Higher prices in regular stock considerably reduced.

CHILDREN'S SKIRTS, in Felt, black-quilted Alpaca, and black and coloured quilted Satin, at half price.

A Limited Quantity of LINEN COSTUME SKIRTS, remains of Summer Stock, at less than half price.

## PRINT DEPARTMENT.

A Large Lot of Prints, worth from 7½d. to 1s. 0½d. per yard, offered all at one price:—

- 8s. 11d. the Dress of 8 yards. 4s. 11d. the Dress of 10 yards.  
 4s. 6d. the Dress of 9 yards. Other lengths in proportion.

Another Lot of Prints, about half of which are more or less soiled, offered all at—

- 2s. 11d. the Dress of 8 yards. 3s. 8d. the Dress of 10 yards.  
 3s. 4d. the Dress of 9 yards. Other lengths in proportion.

A Large Quantity of Remnants of Prints, Linens, Galateas, Matelasses, Oxford Shirtings, Piques, Striped and Figured Sateens, and other Washing Materials, at an Extraordinary Reduction.

## HOUSEHOLD LINEN DEPARTMENT.

In this important department attention is invited to the extensive stock of the best makes of Irish, Scotch, and Barnsley Linen Sheetings and Pillow Linens, Cotton Sheetings and Pillow Calicoes, Bleached Table Cloths, Napkins, Tray Cloths, Slip Damasks and Doyleys to match in all sizes; Nursery and Pinafore Diapers, Bleached and Unbleached Huckabacks, Tea Cloths, Glass Cloths, and Towellings of every description; Bath, Bury, and Witney Blankets, Welsh, Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Saxony Flannels, French Twill Flannels in every shade; Scarlet and White Bath Coatings, in all widths; Down Quilts, Reps, Damasks, Cretonnes, and Printed Dimities in great variety.

Having purchased, for cash, a Stock of 150 Pieces of Real Doublewarp Sheetings, at 25 per cent off the regular price, we have pleasure in submitting them at the following low prices:—

- Lot 1. 2 yards wide, 35 pieces, at 1s. 6d. per yard.  
 Lot 2. 2½ yards wide, 35 pieces, at 1s. 7½d. per yard.  
 Lot 3. 2½ yards wide, 40 pieces, at 1s. 10d. per yard.  
 Lot 4. 2½ yards wide, 30 pieces, at 2s. 9d. per yard.  
 Lot 5. 3 yards wide, 30 pieces, at 2s. 11d. per yard.

## DOUBLE-WARP TWILL SHEETINGS.

- 2 yards wide, 15 pieces, at 1s. 8d. per yard.  
 2½ yards wide, 30 pieces, at 2s. 9d. per yard.  
 2½ yards wide, 25 pieces, at 2s. 7½d. per yard.  
 2½ yards wide, 15 pieces, at 3s. 3d. per yard.  
 3 yards wide, 10 pieces, at 3s. 11d. per yard.

## CROYDON SHEETINGS.

- 2 yards wide, 10 pieces, at 1s. 0½d. per yard.  
 2½ yards wide, 25 pieces, at 1s. 3½d. per yard.  
 2½ yards wide, 20 pieces, at 1s. 7½d. per yard.  
 3 yards wide, 15 pieces, at 2s. 8d. per yard.

840 Pair of Hemmed Sheets, various widths, and of the best quality; 40 Dozen Pillow Slips and 18 Dozen Bolster Cases, at extremely low prices.  
 250 yards of Sheetings, in lengths varying from 2½ to 14 yards, very much below market value.

## TOILET QUILTS.

Hand loom Quilts at discounts varying from 20 to 40 per cent; some of the goods slightly soiled.

- Lot 1. 25 1½ yards wide, 2½ yards long, 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. each.  
 Lot 2. 25 2 yards wide, 2½ yards long, 9s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. each.  
 Lot 3. 25 2½ yards wide, 2½ yards long, 10s. 9d. to 22s. 6d. each.  
 Lot 4. 25 3 yards wide, 3 yards long, 11s. 6d. to 35s. 6d. each.  
 Lot 5. 78 2½ yards wide, 3½ yards long, 15s. 6d. to 50s. 0d. each.  
 Lot 6. 36 3 yards wide, 3½ yards long, 37s. 6d. to 59s. 0d. each.

These quilts are of the finest quality and newest designs, and are offered in some instances at nearly half the original price.

## TABLE LINEN DEPARTMENT.

This Department contains a purchase of several hundred Irish Damask Cloths, in sizes varying from 1½ to 6 yards long, bought at a large discount from regular prices.

- 1½ yards square, from 1s. 4½d. to 2s. 11d. each.  
 1½ yards square, from 1s. 11d. to 6s. 6d. each.  
 2 yards square, from 2s. 11d. to 19s. 6d. each.  
 2 yards by 2½ yards, from 4s. 11d. to 25s. each.  
 2½ yards by 3 yards, from 10s. 9d. to 50s. each.

Table Napkins, from 3s. 6d. to 70s. per dozen.

Round, Square, and Oval Doyleys, Tray Cloths, and Slip Damasks of equally sterling value.

## HUCKABACKS, DIAPERS, TOWELLINGS, GLASS CLOTHS, &amp;c.

- 16 Pieces Bleached Huckaback, from 8d. to 1s. 9d. per yard.  
 20 Pieces Unbleached Huckaback, from 6½d. to 1s. 3d. per yard.  
 20 Pieces Check Glass Cloth, from 4½d. to 1s. 6d. per yard.  
 10 Pieces Plain Tea Cloth, from 6½d. to 11d. per yard.  
 80 Pieces Nursery Diaper, from 4½d. to 10d. per yard.  
 10 Pieces Extra Wide Diaper, from 7½d. to 1s. 3d. per yard.  
 300 Dozen Huckaback Towels, at 4½d. each.  
 120 Dozen Honeycomb Towels, at 6½d. each.  
 70 Dozen Honeycomb Towels (large size), at 8½d. each.  
 50 Dozen Damask Bordered Towels, from 12s. 6d. to 39s. per dozen.  
 20 Dozen Turkish Towels, at 6½d. each.

## A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF TURKISH TOWELS AND BATH SHEETS.

## BLANKET DEPARTMENT.

Bath, Bury, Witney, and Austrian Blankets, all regular makes. We have recently purchased very advantageously a large Stock of the above, as under:—

## WITNEY BLANKETS, ALL WOOL.

- 1½ yards by 2½ yards, 4½lb. weight, 8s. 11d. per pair.  
 1½ yards by 2½ yards, 5½lb. weight, 10s. 9d. per pair.  
 2 yards by 2½ yards, 6½lb. weight, 12s. 6d. per pair.  
 2 yards by 2½ yards, 7½lb. weight, 15s. 6d. per pair.

## BURY BLANKETS, ALL WOOL.

- 1½ yards by 2½ yards, 11s. 6d. to 15s. 9d. per pair.  
 2 yards by 2½ yards, 14s. 9d. to 22s. 0d. per pair.  
 2½ yards by 2½ yards, 19s. 6d. to 39s. 6d. per pair.

## BATH BLANKETS, ALL WOOL.

- 1½ yards by 2½ yards, 16s. 6d. to 25s. 0d. per pair.  
 2 yards by 2½ yards, 22s. 6d. to 37s. 6d. per pair.  
 2½ yards by 2½ yards, 29s. 6d. to 45s. 0d. per pair.  
 2½ yards by 3 yards, 35s. 0d. to 67s. 6d. per pair.

150 Pairs of SOILED BLANKETS, at very low prices.

DOWN QUILTS, in all sizes, 1s. per square foot.

## TABLE COVERS.

- 290 Printed Cloth Covers, 3 yards square, 7s. 11d. each.  
 76 Washing Victoria Covers, 2 yards square, 8s. 9d. each.  
 50 Embroidered Covers, 2 yards square, 9s. 6d. each.  
 225 Richly Embroidered Covers, 2 yds. square, from 14s. 6d. to 75s. each.  
 60 Velvet Pile Covers, 27s. 6d. each; usual price, 38s.  
 Table Baisies, 2 yards wide, from 4s. 11d. to 8s. 11d. per yard.

## WHITE CALICO DEPARTMENT.

- 20 pieces Washed Shirting, at 3½d. per yard.  
 30 pieces Longcloth, at 4½d. per yard.  
 50 pieces Medium Shirting, pure finish, at 5½d. per yard.  
 70 pieces Fine Longcloth, at 6½d. per yard.  
 35 pieces Heavy Shirting, at 6½d. per yard.  
 20 pieces Medium Shirting, pure finish, at 7½d. per yard.  
 15 pieces Medium Shirting, pure finish, at 8½d. per yard.  
 Horrocks's Longcloths, from 4½d. per yard. All numbers at list prices.

## CURTAIN DEPARTMENT.

In this Department, as in former years, a beautifully assorted Stock of Swiss, Nottingham, Lace, and Leno Curtains is submitted, bought under very favourable circumstances from some of the best manufacturers at home and abroad.

## LACE CURTAINS.

- 300 pairs, 6 yards long, from 2s. 6d. to 6s. 11d. per pair.  
 450 pairs, 7 yards long, from 5s. 6d. to 15s. per pair.  
 575 pairs, 8 yards long, from 10s. 6d. to 50s. per pair.  
 120 pairs, 9 yards long, from 25s. to 55s. per pair.

## LENO CURTAINS.

- 250 Pairs 6 yards long, from 2s. 6d. to 9s. 6d. per pair.  
 320 Pairs 7 yards long, from 6s. 6d. to 15s. 6d. per pair.  
 300 Pairs 8 yards long, from 10s. 6d. to 42s. per pair.  
 50 Pairs 9 yards long, from 21s. to 35s. per pair.

## HARNES CURTAINS.

- 200 Pairs 6 yards long, from 2s. 8d. to 7s. 6d. per pair.  
 190 Pairs 7 yards long, from 4s. 11d. to 13s. 6d. per pair.  
 150 Pairs 8 yards long, from 9s. 6d. to 25s. per pair.

## SWISS CURTAINS.

Special attention is invited to a Large Lot of Swiss Lace Curtains, purchased at the end of the past season at fully 50 per cent under makers' prices, which are offered as under:—

- 30 Pairs 7 yards long, from 16s. 6d. to 25s. per pair.  
 65 Pairs 8 yards long, from 21s. to 90s. per pair.  
 25 Pairs 9 yards long, from 45s. to 150s. per pair.

A large number of Soiled Curtains, some of which are less than half price.

## LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERCLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Special attention is invited to this important department, containing a large and well-assorted stock of every requisite for Ladies' and Children's wear. All these goods are of our own manufacture, and are of the best shape and quality.

## LADIES' DRESSING JACKETS.

- Ladies' Print Dressing Jackets, from 2s. 6d. to 6s. 11d.  
 Ladies' White Muslinette Dressing Jackets, 4s. 11d. to 10s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Flannel Dressing Jackets, 4s. 11d., 5s. 11d., 10s. 6d., 25s.  
 Complete Wedding Trousseau, from 15 to 250 guineas.

## LADIES' DRAWERS.

- Ladies' Plain-tucked Drawers (Horrocks's cloth), 1s. 6d., 1s. 11d., 2s. 9d., 2s. 11d., 2s. 9d.  
 Ladies' Drawers, trimmed Swiss edge, 2s. 3d., 2s. 6d., 2s. 9d., 3s. 3d. to 9s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Drawers, trimmed Swiss and Scotch insertion and edge, 3s. 11d., 4s. 6d., 6s. 6d. to 12s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Drawers, trimmed Madeira edge, 4s. 11d., 6s. 11d., 6s. 11d., 8s. 6d. to 12s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Drawers, trimmed Madeira edge and insertion, 6s. 6d., 7s. 11d., 9s. 11d. to 15s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Twill Calico Drawers, plain and trimmed.  
 Ladies' Flannel Drawers, in scarlet and white, 3s. 11d. to 7s. 11d.

## LADIES' CHEMISES.

- Ladies' Plain Chemises, 1s. 3d., 1s. 6d., 1s. 9d., 1s. 11d., 2s. 3d., 2s. 11d. to 4s. 6d.  
 Ladies' Frilled Chemises, 2s. 6d., 3s. 11d. to 3s. 11d.  
 Ladies' Chemises, fancy fronts, trimmed Swiss edge and insertion, 1s. 11d., 2s. 9d., 2s. 9d., 2s. 11d., 3s. 6d. to 6s. 6d.

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## LADIES' CHEMISES—(Continued).

Ladies' Chemises, trimmed Scotch and Swiss edge and insertion, 1s. 11d., 2s. 3d., 2s. 9d., 2s. 11d., 3s. 6d. to 5s. 6d.  
Ladies' Chemises, trimmed Madeira edge, 4s. 11d., 5s. 11d., to 7s. 6d.  
Ladies' Chemises, fancy fronts, Madeira edge and insertion, 7s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 9s. 11d., to 18s. 6d.  
Ladies' Chemises, handsomely trimmed with lace and needlework, 19s. 6d. to 35s.

## LADIES' NIGHT DRESSES,

In Horrocks's, Crewdson's, and Dacca Twist Cloth.

Ladies' Plain Night Dresses, 2s. 11d., 3s. 3d., 3s. 9d., to 5s. 11d.  
Ladies' Night Dresses, trimmed flitting, 3s. 11d. to 5s. 11d.  
Ladies' Night Dresses, tucked fronts, trimmed Swiss edge and insertion, 8s. 11d., 4s. 11d., 5s. 11d., to 18s. 6d.  
Ladies' Night Dresses, fancy fronts, trimmed Swiss and Scotch edge, 5s. 11d., 7s. 11d., to 13s. 6d.  
Ladies' Night Dresses, trimmed Madeira edge, 6s. 11d. to 12s. 6d.  
Ladies' Night Dresses, handsomely trimmed fancy fronts, 9s. 11d., 12s. 6d., 15s. 6d., 25s., to 2 guineas.  
Ladies' Twill Calico Night Dresses, 4s. 11d. to 10s. 6d.

## LADIES' FLANNEL PETTICOATS.

Ladies' Flannel Petticoats, white and scarlet, 5s. 11d., 4s. 11d., 5s. 6d., to 10s. 6d.  
Ladies' Flannel Petticoats, white and scarlet, embroidered, 5s. 11d., 6s. 11d., 8s. 11d., 10s. 6d., to 39s.

## LADIES' WHITE SKIRTS.

Ladies' Plain Tucked Skirts, 1s. 11d., 2s. 6d., 2s. 11d., 3s. 6d., to 5s. 11d.  
Ladies' Skirts, trimmed needlework, 3s. 6d., 4s. 11d., 5s. 11d., to 10s. 6d.  
Ladies' Skirts, handsomely trimmed, embroidered flounces, 7s. 11d., 10s. 6d., 15s. 6d., to 3 guineas.  
Ladies' White Muslin and Tarian, for evening wear.

## LADIES' BODICES.

Ladies' Plain Bodices, all sizes, 1s. 6d., 1s. 9d., to 2s. 11d.  
Ladies' Bodices, trimmed Scotch and Swiss edge, 2s. 11d. to 5s. 11d.  
Ladies' handsomely-trimmed Camisoles, from 4s. 11d. to 15s. 6d.  
Ladies' Bodices and Vests, in white and scarlet flannel.  
Ladies' Nightcaps, trimmed lace and needlework, 4d., 6d., 8d., 1s., to 5s. 6d.

## LADIES' FLANNEL DRESSING GOWNS.

Ladies' Dressing Gowns, in plain and fancy flannels, from 15s. 6d. to 2 guineas.  
A Large Assortment of Felt Dressing Gowns, much under the usual price.  
Cashmere and Quilted Satin Dressing Gowns, from 3 to 7 guineas.  
Children's Flannel Dressing Gowns, in all sizes.  
Ladies' Print Wrappers, 4s. 11d., 8s. 11d., 10s. 6d., to one guinea.

## BABY LINEN DEPARTMENT.

Infants' Cambric Shirts, trimmed lace, 4d., 6d., 7d., to 1s. 6d.  
Infants' Lawn Shirts, trimmed lace, 9d., 11d., 1s. 2d., to 2s. 11d.  
Infants' Lawn Shirts, trimmed real lace, 1s. 6d., 1s. 9d., 2s. 6d., 2s. 11d.

## INFANTS' NIGHTGOWNS.

Infants' Nightgowns, trimmed edge, 1s. 6d., 1s. 9d., 2s. 3d., to 4s. 9d.  
Infants' Haircord Monthly Gowns, 1s. 11d., 2s. 11d., 3s. 6d., 4s. 11d., 12s. 6d.  
Infants' Flannel Bares, 2s. 11d., 3s. 11d., 4s. 6d., to 10s. 6d.  
Infants' Robes, tucked skirts and trimmed bodices, 2s. 6d., 4s. 6d., to 8s. 11d.  
Infants' Robes, trimmed lace and insertion, 7s. 11d., 10s. 6d., 15s. 6d., 18s. 6d., to 6 guineas.  
Infants' White Frocks, 3s. 9d., 5s. 11d., 7s. 6d., to 12s. 6d.  
Infants' White Frocks, trimmed needlework, 6s. 11d., 9s. 6d., 12s. 6d. to 25s.  
Infants' White Frocks, handsomely trimmed robe fronts, 21s. to 8 guineas.  
Infants' Cloaks, white and coloured cashmere, 6s. 11d. to 8 guineas.  
A Choice Selection of Infants' Millinery much under price.  
Infants' Bassinets and Baskets, completely furnished.

## RIBBON DEPARTMENT.

120 Pieces All-Silk Satin Ribbon, 11d. per yard; usual price, 21d. per yard.  
60 Pieces No. 12 Coloured Faille, 6d. per yard; usual price, 8d. per yard.  
80 Pieces No. 16 Coloured Faille, 7d. per yard; usual price, 10d. per yard.  
40 Pieces No. 12 Black Faille, 7d. per yard; usual price, 10d. per yard.  
35 Pieces No. 16 Black Faille, 8d. per yard; usual price, 11d. per yard.  
30 Pieces No. 16 Black Faille, 9d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 0d. per yard.  
20 Pieces Black Twill Ribbon, 10d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 2d. per yard.  
40 Pieces Nattie Scarf Ribbon, 11d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 3d. per yard.  
35 Pieces Nattie Scarf Ribbon, 1s. 3d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 7d. per yard.  
30 Pieces Rich Serge Scarf Ribbon, 1s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 2s. 6d. per yard.  
35 Pieces Frosted Scarf Ribbon, 1s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 11d. per yard.  
25 Pieces Nattie Scarf Ribbon, 1s. 7d. per yard; usual price, 2s. 3d. per yard.  
15 Pieces 5in. Coloured Faille Sash Ribbon, 1s. 3d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 7d. per yd.  
10 Pieces Black Satin Striped Sash, 1s. 4d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 9d. per yard.  
30 Pieces 6in. Colored Faille Sash Ribbon, 1s. 9d. per yd.; usual price, 2s. 4d. per yd.  
35 Pieces Faille and Satine Sash Ribbon, 1s. 11d. per yd.; usual price, 2s. 11d. per yd.  
40 Pieces 7in. Colored Faille Sash Ribbon, 2s. 4d. per yd.; usual price, 3s. 11d. per yd.  
10 Pieces 6in. Black Faille Sash Ribbon, 2s. 7d. per yd.; usual price, 3s. 6d. per yd.  
30 Pieces 7in. Rich Cl'd Faille Sash Ribbon, 2s. 11d. per yd.; usual price, 4s. 6d. per yd.  
10 Pieces 7in. Rich Black Faille Sash Ribbon, 2s. 11d. per yd.; usual price, 3s. 11d. per yd.  
300 Black Fringe Sashes, 4s. 11d. each; usual price, 5s. 11d. each.

## FLOWER DEPARTMENT.

15 boxes French Flowers, 21d. per spray. 18 boxes French Flowers, 9d. per spray.  
12 boxes French Flowers, 4d. per spray. 16 boxes French Flowers, 1s. 0d. per spray.  
25 boxes French Flowers, 6d. per spray. 18 boxes French Flowers, 1s. 3d. per spray.  
800 French Wreaths, Droops, Trails, &c., 1s. 0d., 1s. 3d., 1s. 6d., 1s. 11d., 2s. 6d., 2s. 11d., 3s. 11d.; worth from 2s. 6d. to 17s. 6d.

These Goods, which consist of Evening, Mourning, and Bonnet Flowers, are quite fresh, and have been made for the present season.

## FEATHER DEPARTMENT.

406 Fancy Feathers, 31d. each; usual price, 9d. to 1s. 0d.  
500 Fancy Feathers, 41d. each; usual price, 1s. 0d. to 1s. 6d.  
800 Fancy Feathers, 61d. each; usual price, 1s. 3d. to 2s. 6d.  
700 Black and Navy Hackle Feathers, 101d., 1s. 0d. each; usual price, 3s. 6d. and 5s. 6d.  
250 Birds' 91d., 1s. 0d. each; usual price, 2s. 3d. to 4s. 6d.  
60 Natural Feather Plumes, 1s. 3d., 1s. 6d., 1s. 11d., and 2s. 6d. each; worth from 2s. 6d. to 6s. 6d.  
80 Black Ostrich Plumes, 101d., 1s. 6d., 1s. 11d. each; worth from 1s. 6d. to 5s. 6d.  
200 Long Natural Feathers, 3s. 11d., 4s. 11d., 5s. 11d., 6s. 11d., 7s. 11d., 8s. 11d.; worth from 7s. 6d. to 21s.  
150 Long Black Ostrich Feathers, 3s. 11d., 4s. 11d., 5s. 11d., 6s. 11d., 7s. 11d., 8s. 11d., 9s. 11d. each; worth from 6s. 11d. to 19s. 6d.  
500 yards Black and Natural Feather Trimming, 1s. 21d. per yd.; worth 2s. 6d. per yd.  
650 yards of Black Ostrich Feather Trimming, 1s. 11d., 2s. 6d. per yard; worth from 2s. 6d. to 5s. 11d. per yard.

The ordinary stock of Feathers is re-marked at greatly reduced prices for the sale.

## BLACK SILK DEPARTMENT.

Portion of the Silk Stock of Messrs. Carlton, Walker, and Co., Manchester.

This firm having entirely withdrawn from the silk trade within the last few weeks, we have secured a considerable portion of their stock of Black Silks at a discount of 25 per cent off ordinary market prices. The full advantage of this arrangement will be given to the public. Quotations as under:—

1s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 11d.	3s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 4s. 3d.
1s. 9d. per yard; usual price, 2s. 2d.	3s. 9d. per yard; usual price, 4s. 6d.
2s. 11d. per yard; usual price, 2s. 9d.	3s. 11d. per yard; usual price, 4s. 11d.
2s. 3d. per yard; usual price, 2s. 11d.	4s. 3d. per yard; usual price, 5s. 6d.
2s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 3s. 3d.	4s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 6s. 0d.
2s. 9d. per yard; usual price, 3s. 6d.	5s. 0d. per yard; usual price, 6s. 3d.
2s. 11d. per yard; usual price, 3s. 9d.	5s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 6s. 6d.
3s. 3d. per yard; usual price, 4s. 0d.	

Richer Silks, 6s., 6s. 6d., 7s., 7s. 6d., 8s., 8s. 6d., 9s., 9s. 6d., 10s., to 12s. 6d. per yard, at greatly reduced prices.

A large stock of J. C. Bonnet and Co.'s rich Black Silks; also the celebrated Cashmere Victoria, the wear of each make being guaranteed.

## COLOURED SILK DEPARTMENT.

Special attention is directed to the large stock of Fancy Silks in this department, also to an extensive purchase of plain colours, made from some of the leading English and foreign manufacturers, which is now submitted at the following exceptionally low quotations:—

1st lot, 3,000 yards plain colours, 2s. 6d.; worth 3s. 6d.  
2nd lot, 5,000 yards plain colours, 3s. 6d.; worth 4s. 5d.  
3rd lot, 4,000 yards plain colours, 3s. 11d.; worth 4s. 11d.

The following Lots are below manufacturers' prices:—

1s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 11d.	3s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 3s. 11d.
1s. 9d. per yard; usual price, 2s. 6d.	3s. 11d. per yard; usual price, 4s. 9d.
2s. 11d. per yard; usual price, 2s. 11d.	4s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 5s. 3d.
2s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 3s. 6d.	4s. 11d. per yard; usual price, 6s. 6d.
2s. 11d. per yard; usual price, 3s. 9d.	

There will also be some Rich Goods sold at about one half their original price.

## GLOVE DEPARTMENT.

2,000 dozens of the best Paris and Grenoble Kid Gloves, in beautiful condition, and in a full assortment of shades, to be sold at about one-half the price paid usually for the same goods.

Attention is respectfully invited to the above extraordinary purchase of Kid Gloves. The Paris goods are manufactured by Courvoisier and Co., each pair being stamped with their name, and the quality being the very best that can be procured.

600 Dozen of Ladies' best Paris Kid Gloves (Courvoisier); sale price 2s. 4d. per pair, usual price 4s. and 4s. 6d.

400 Dozen Ladies' best Grenoble Kid Gloves; sale price 2s. 4d. per pair, ordinary price 3s. 6d.

380 Dozen Ladies' French Kid Gloves; sale price 1s. 10d. per pair, usual price 3s.

80 Dozen Ladies' Cuffed French Kid Gloves; sale price 2s. 6d. per pair, usual price 4s. 6d.

250 Dozen Ladies' Two-button French Kid; sale price 2s. 9d. per pair, regular price 4s.

100 Dozen Gentlemen's Paris Kid Gloves; sale price 2s. 9d., usual price 4s. 9d.

100 Dozen Gentlemen's Paris Kid Gloves; light shades for evening wear; sale price 2s. 4d., usual price 4s.

60 Dozen Gentlemen's Double-sewn Cape Gloves; sale price 1s. 10d. per pair, usual price 2s. 6d.

40 Dozen Gentlemen's Double-sewn Embroidered; sale price 1s. 10d. per pair; usual price, 3s.

50 Dozen Children's Kid Gloves; sale price, 1s. 6d. per pair for all sizes.

60 Dozen Boys' Double-sewn Kid Gloves; sale price 1s. 6d. per pair; usual price, 1s. 9d. to 2s. 6d., according to size.

## LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S DRIVING GLOVES.

200 Dozen of the above Goods, in Lined Leather, Doeskin, Doeskin Tumbled, and a large variety of other kinds; sale price, 1s. 10d. per pair; usual price from 3s. to 5s.

## SILK VELVETS AND VELVETEEN DEPARTMENT.

Black Velvets from 8s. 9d. per yard upwards.

Coloured Velvets from 5s. per yard upwards.

Black Velveteen, patent finish, dull fast dye, from 2s. 6d. to 4s. 6d. per yard.

Coloured Velveteens, in all the new and fashionable colours.

Black Crapes, Bonnet Silks, Black and Coloured Union Satins, at reduced prices.

## GENTLEMEN'S HOSIERY DEPARTMENT.

Attention is directed to a Large Parcel of Cotton, Merino, and Cashmere Half Hose of the very best manufacture, and at prices likely to effect a speedy clearance.

55 doz. Self-coloured and Striped Merino Half Hose; sale price 1s. 0d. per pair, usual price, 1s. 9d.

60 doz. Fancy Striped Merino Half Hose; sale price 1s. 6d. per pair, worth from 2s. to 2s. 6d. per pair.

60 doz. Best Quality Ribbed and Fancy Striped Cashmere Half Hose; sale price, 1s. 11d. per pair, worth from 3s. to 3s. 6d. per pair.

50 doz. Gentlemen's Fancy Striped Cotton Half Hose of the very best quality; sale price 1s. 6d. per pair.

A small parcel of Gentlemen's Shooting Hose; sale price 2s. 11d. per pair, regular price 5s.

Gentlemen's Merino Vests, white, self-coloured, and striped; sale price 2s. 11d., 3s. 6d., and 3s. 11d.

These goods are all much under regular prices.

## LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HOSIERY DEPARTMENT.

In this department is a large and varied assortment of useful Winter Hosiery, at considerably less than manufacturers' cost price.

50 Dozen Ladies' Self-Coloured Merino Hose; sale price, 1s. 0d. per pair, usual price 1s. 6d. per pair.

25 Dozen Ladies' Ribbed Merino Hose; sale price 1s. 6d., usual price 2s.

40 Dozen Ladies' Cashmere and Merino Hose; sale price 1s. 11d. per pair, usual price 3s.

30 Dozen Ladies' Navy-blue Striped Cashmere and Embroidered Hose; sale price 2s. 11d. per pair, regular price 4s. and 5s. per pair.

40 Dozen Ladies' Ribbed Worsted and Cashmere Hose of the best quality, in black, white, scarlet, steel, navy, and chocolate; sale price 2s. 11d. per pair, regular price 4s.

30 Dozen Second-quality Ribbed Worsted Hose; sale price 1s. 11d. per pair, usual price 2s. 9d.

30 Dozen Small Sizes Children's Ribbed Merino and Cashmere Hose; sale price 10d. and 1s. 2d. per pair.

50 Dozen Children's Ribbed Merino and Cashmere Hose, medium sizes; sale price 1s. 6d. per pair, worth from 2s. to 2s. 6d. per pair.

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**LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HOSIERY DEPARTMENT—(Continued).**

30 Doz. Children's Ribbed Merino and Cashmere Hose, medium sizes; 1s. 11½d. per pr.  
100 Doz. of Children's Best Quality Fancy Cotton Hose; sale price, two pairs for 1s.  
9d., 2s. 1d., 2s. 6d., and 3s. 1d.

These goods are all of the very best quality.

Ladies' Merino Vests. A parcel of these goods very cheap; sale price, 2s. 6d., 2s. 11d., and 3s. 11d. each. Wool and Merino Vests and Dresses, a little soiled, at less than half the usual prices.

**KNITTED WOOL GOODS.**

35 Doz. Children's Knitted Wool Crossovers; sale price, 1s. 6½d.; usual price, 2s. 6d.  
30 Doz. Knitted Berlin Wool Tippets; sale price, 1s. 11½d.; usual price, 4s.  
40 Doz. Berlin Wool Squares; sale price, 1s. 11½d. and 2s. 11d., worth from 4s. to 8s. each.  
100 Knitted Berlin Wool Opera Capes; sale price, 3s. 11d. and 4s. 11d., worth from 8s. to 10s. each.

Gentlemen's Knitted Cardigan Jackets very much reduced in price.  
Railway and Carriage Rugs, Gentlemen's Mauds, and Dressing Gowns at a considerable reduction.

**UMBRELLA DEPARTMENT.**

150 Ladies' Silk Umbrellas, with fancy handles, sale price, 6s. 11d.; worth 8s.  
200 Ladies' Silk Umbrellas, with the new tip cap, sale price, 6s. 11d.; worth 8s. 11d.  
100 Ladies' Silk Umbrellas, cane sticks, sale price, 7s. 11d.; worth 10s. 6d.  
200 Ladies' Silk Umbrellas, fancy sticks, paragon frames, sale price, 8s. 11d.; worth 12s. 6d.  
250 Ladies' Silk Umbrellas, on Fox's frames, with choice ebony and other handles, surmounted with sterling silver, sale price, 14s. 9d.; worth 20s.  
200 Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas, sale price, 6s. 11d.; usual price, 8s. 11d.  
200 Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas, sale price, 7s. 11d.; worth 10s. 9d.  
200 Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas, sale price, 8s. 11d.; worth 12s. 9d.  
150 Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas, sale price, 10s. 9d.; worth 14s. 6d.  
200 Extra Quality, sale price, 12s. 9d.; worth 16s. 9d.  
120 Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas, with ebony and other sticks, mounted sterling silver, sale price, 16s. 9d.; worth from 20s. to 25s.

**GENTLEMEN'S SILK AND SATIN SCARFS.**

We have been enabled to purchase, under very favourable circumstances, a manufacturer's stock of the best goods, the shapes and patterns of this season's production.

60 dozen Polo Scarfs; sale price, 1s. 11½d. each.  
40 dozen Windsor Scarfs, to fold; sale price, 1s. 11½d.  
100 dozen Bond Street, or Broad Scarfs; sale price, 1s. 11½d.  
50 dozen Sailor-knot Scarfs; sale price, 1s. 11½d.

The above Goods are usually sold at 3s. 6d. and 4s. 6d.

Also a parcel of very Rich Satin Long Scarfs; sale price, 2s. 11d.; worth 6s. each.

**GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT**

2,000 Dozen Gentlemen's Linen Collars; sale price in dozens only, or as otherwise made up, all at 2s. 11d. per dozen. These collars are regular stock goods at from 6s. to 10s. per dozen.

500 Dozen Gentlemen's Linen Wristbands; sale price 3s. 9d. per half dozen.  
30 Dozen Gentlemen's Linen Fronts, with collars; sale price 10½d. each, regular price 1s. 6d. to 2s.

50 Dozen Gentlemen's Braces, best quality; sale price 1s. 6½d. per pair, worth 2s. to 3s. per pair.

Gentlemen's Irish Cambric Handkerchiefs. A manufacturer's stock of these goods, all hummed and ready for use; sale price from 3s. to 10s. 6d. per half dozen.

**SHIRT DEPARTMENT.**

Attention is directed to the following lots, and the special prices quoted:—

48 Dozen Gentlemen's White Shirts, with plaited and plain military fronts; sale price 3s. 11d. each.  
20 Dozen same qualities, to button behind; sale price 3s. 11d.  
The above goods are worth from 5s. to 8s. each.  
40 Dozen Gentlemen's Dress Shirts, with embroidered and fancy plaits; sale price 4s. 11d. each, worth from 8s. to 10s. each.  
20 Dozen Boys' Flannel Shirts; sale price for all sizes 3s. 11d., stock price from 6s. to 7s.  
10 Dozen Gentlemen's Tweed Shirts; sale price 4s. 11d., worth 8s. 6d.

**CORSET DEPARTMENT.**

Upwards of 4,000 pairs of English and French Corsets; all sizes now in stock, every pair of which is perfect. These goods are offered during the sale at the following prices:—

White French Embroidered Corset, four bones; sale price 5s. 6d.  
White French Embroidered Corset, satin finish; sale price 3s. 6d.  
White French Embroidered Corset (Wetley's); sale price 10s. 9d.  
Dark French Embroidered Corset, four bones; sale price 6s. 11d.  
The "Rosette" Corset, dove and white; sale price 5s. 6d.  
The "Marie" Corset, grey and white; sale price 3s. 11d.  
The "Medea" Corset, scarlet only; sale price 3s. 11d.  
The "Challenge" Corset, grey heavy; sale price 4s. 11d.  
The "Realm" Corset, black, dove, and scarlet; sale price 5s. 6d.  
The "Scarlet Lining" Corset, heavy; sale price 4s. 6d.  
The "Fawcett" scarlet Corset; sale price 5s. 6d.  
The "Modelled" Corset, 18 piece; sale price 5s. 6d.  
The "Exquisite" Corset, dove; sale price 6s. 6d.  
The "Modelled" Corset, 30 piece, 6s. 11d., in scarlet, black, white, and dove.  
The "New Quilted" Corset, scarlet; sale price 6s. 11d.  
The "Duchess" Corset, black; sale price 11s. 6d.  
Nursing Corsets, white and grey; sale price 6s. 6d.  
Children's Corsets, grey, white, and scarlet.

**MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.**

800 Black and Coloured Velvet Bonnets, Trimmed Felt Bonnets, and Trimmed Felt and Clip Hats are offered at this time at greatly reduced prices.  
The Entire Stock of Ladies', Children's, and Infants' French Felt Hats will be reduced from 80 to 50 per cent.

750 Ladies' and Children's Felt Hats; sale price 2s. 6d. and 3s. 11d. each, worth double.  
Boys' Felt Hats and Cloth Caps, from 1s. 6d. to 3s. 11d.  
Infants' White and Grey French Felt Hats reduced to half price.

**FUR DEPARTMENT.**

The whole stock of Fur Ties, Collarettes, Muffs, Mantle Sets, Fur Trimmings, and Fur Rugs is now re-marked at a considerable reduction in price, including the following important lots:—

Black and Brown Russian Fur Ties; sale price 5s. 11d. and 6s. 11d.  
Natural Russian Fur Ties; sale price 7s. 11d. and 9s. 11d.  
Extra Long Dito, 13s. 9d.  
Black and Brown Lynx Mantle Sets, best quality, 4in. deep, 17s. 9d.; 5in. deep, 25s. 6d.; 6in. deep, 27s. 6d.  
80 Black Lynx Mantle Sets, 7in. deep, 31s.  
Real Genet Mantle Sets; sale price, 25s. 6d.  
Rich Silvered Genet Mantle Sets; sale price 31s. 6d.  
Natural Raccoon Mantle Sets; sale price 28s. 6d.

**FUR DEPARTMENT—(Continued).**

Real Sable, Skunk, Beaver, and other Rich Mantle Sets, reduced 30 per cent.  
75 Real Seal Muffs, first quality; sale price 23s. 6d., 35s. 6d., and 39s. 6d.  
French Skunk Muffs, lined white Fur; sale price 14s. 6d.  
Black Russian Hare Muffs; sale price 6s. 11d.  
Real Sable Muffs; sale price 25s. 6d. and 29s. 6d.  
Very Rich Sable Muffs; sale price 45s., 50s., 55s.  
Real Lynx Muffs; sale price 21s., 25s. 6d., and 29s. 6d.  
Fur Carriage Rugs, from 45s.

**TRIMMING DEPARTMENT.**

Owing to the recent depression in the Velvet market, we are enabled to OFFER a Large Lot of BLACK RIBBON VELVETS, Wove Edges, at the following unusually low quotations:—

No. 40. Sale price, 3s. 6d.	No. 100. Sale price, 7s. 6d.
50. Sale price, 3s. 11d.	120. Sale price, 8s. 11d.
60. Sale price, 4s. 6d.	140. Sale price, 10s. 9d.
70. Sale price, 5s. 6d.	160. Sale price, 12s. 9d.
80. Sale price, 5s. 11d.	200. Sale price, 15s. 6d.

Lot 1. Coloured Wool Ball Fringes, sale price, 7½d.  
Lot 2. Coloured Wool Ball Fringes, sale price, 10½d.  
Lot 3. Coloured Wool Fly Fringes, sale price, 1s. 6d.  
Lot 4. Coloured Wool Fly Fringes, sale price, 1s. 11d.  
145 doz. Black Gimps, sale price, 7d., 9½d., 1s., 1s. 6d., 1s. 11d., 2s., 2s. 11d., 3s., 3s. 11d., 4s., 4s. 11d., 5s., 5s. 11d., 6s., 6s. 11d., 7s., 7s. 11d., 8s., 8s. 11d., 9s., 9s. 11d., 10s., 10s. 11d., 11s., 11s. 11d., 12s., 12s. 11d., 13s., 13s. 11d., 14s., 14s. 11d., 15s., 15s. 11d., 16s., 16s. 11d., 17s., 17s. 11d., 18s., 18s. 11d., 19s., 19s. 11d., 20s., 20s. 11d., 21s., 21s. 11d., 22s., 22s. 11d., 23s., 23s. 11d., 24s., 24s. 11d., 25s., 25s. 11d., 26s., 26s. 11d., 27s., 27s. 11d., 28s., 28s. 11d., 29s., 29s. 11d., 30s., 30s. 11d.

An Extensive Stock of Black and Coloured Military, also Black and Gilt, Black and Silver Coloured and Silver, considerably reduced in price.

**BERLIN WOOL DEPARTMENT.**

140 pairs of Slippers, sale price 1s. 8d.  
128 pairs of Slippers, sale price 2s. 6d.  
69 pairs of Slippers, sale price 3s. 9d.  
90 pairs of Raised Slippers, sale price 4s. 11d.  
36 pairs of Raised Slippers, sale price 5s. 11d.  
38 pairs of Fine All-head Slippers, sale price 6s. 11d.  
Footstools, sale price 7s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 10s. 9d., 12s. 6d., 18s. 9d., 21s., 25s. 6d.  
Fenderstools, sale price 7s. 11d., 10s. 6d., 13s. 9d., 14s. 9d., 21s., 25s., 29s. 6d., 31s. 6d.  
16 Cushions, sale price 1s. 11d.  
25 Cushions, sale price 3s. 6d.  
26 Cushions, sale price 3s. 11d.  
98 Cushions, sale price from 4s. 11d. to 18s. 6d.  
A lot of very fine Cushions, slightly soiled, 18s. 6d.; usual price, 26s. 6d.  
91 Breakfast Trays, sale price 3s. 6d., 4s. 11d., 5s. 11d., 7s. 11d., 8s. 6d., 9s. 6d., 10s. 6d.  
Banners, sale price 6s. 11d., 8s. 11d., 11s. 6d., 13s. 9d., 16s. 9d., 21s., 25s. 6d., 29s. 6d.  
A lot of very fine French Slippers, sale price 5s. 11d.  
French Cushions, sale price 6s. 11d., 8s. 11d., 13s. 9d., 19s. 6d., 26s. 9d.  
French Banners, sale price 13s. 11d., 16s. 9d., 17s. 6d., 28s. 6d., 38s. 6d.  
An extensive Stock of Cabinet-work of the best manufacture, in Breakfast Trays, Fenderstools, Footstools, Urnstands, Slipper and Salivarium Boxes, considerably reduced. Brass Mountings for Banners and Bannerettes. Cords and Tassels for Cushions, at greatly reduced prices.

**SATCHEL AND FANCY DEPARTMENT.**

Ladies' Satchels; sale price, 2s. 11d., 3s. 6d., 3s. 11d.  
Ladies' French Hoan Satchels; sale price 4s. 11d., 5s. 6d., 5s. 11d., 6s. 6d., 7s. 11d., 8s. 11d., 10s. 6d.  
Real Morocco Satchels; sale price 7s. 11d., 8s. 9d., 9s. 11d., 10s. 6d., 11s. 6d., 13s. 6d., 13s. 9d., 14s. 9d., 16s. 6d.  
Ladies' Sealskin Satchels; sale price 8s. 6d., 45s., 50s.  
20 Dozen Purses; sale price 1s. 11d., worth 2s. 11d.  
109 Silver Chatelaines; sale price 1s., worth 2s.  
A Lot of Ladies' Velvet Chatelaine Bags, silver mounted; sale price 1s. 3d., 1s. 11d.  
45 Dozen Hair Brushes; sale price 1s. 3d., 1s. 6d., 2s. 6d., 2s. 11d., 3s. 6d., 4s. 9d., 5s. 9d., 6s. 11d., 10s. 9d.

**FANCY DRESS DEPARTMENT.**

The remaining portion of the best quality of Matelasse Cloth, small and large patterns to match; sale price 3s. 6d. per yard, usual price 3s. 11d. per yard.  
A few choice colours in Matelasse, sold during the season at 3s. 9d. per yard, will be cleared at 3s. 8d. per yard.  
The new Royal Coatings, in splendid colours, and novel set of patterns, 54 inches wide, at 5s. 9d. per yard, usual price 6s. 6d. per yard.  
A choice assortment of the new Melrose Cloth, the most successful dress material of the season, will be sold at 2s. 6½d. per yard, usual price 2s. 11½d. per yard.  
A small lot of Matelasse Cloths, in diagonal patterns and very useful colours; sale price 2s. 6½d. per yard, usual price 2s. 11½d. per yard.  
An Advantageous Purchase of 45 Pieces of Mattings, Armures, and Cashmere Brillante, in the most approved shades, including Prune, Mulberry, Navy blue, dark browns, &c.; sale price 2s. 8½d. per yard, usual prices 2s. 11½d. and 3s. 3d.  
A Few Pieces of the New Material, Armure de Tripoli (all wool), will be offered at 1s. 9½d. per yard, usual price 2s. 6d. per yard.

**DIAGONALS, SERGES, &c.**

A Special Lot of 45 Pieces of Heavy Devonshire Serges, at 1s. 6½d. per yard, sold throughout the season at 2s. 11½d. per yard.  
30 Pieces of Heavy All-wool Serge, a very great bargain, at 1s. 8½d. per yard, usual price 1s. 9½d. per yard.  
A few colours each of the new Scarborough and Scotch Serges; sale price 2s. 8½d., usual price 2s. 11½d. and 3s. 3d. per yard.  
All plain standard goods reduced in price. The regular Stock of Serges will be sold as follows:—Sale prices 1s. 8½d., 1s. 9½d., 1s. 11½d., 2s. 3½d., and 2s. 8½d. per yard, usual prices 1s. 9½d., 1s. 11½d., 2s. 3½d., 2s. 6½d., and 2s. 11½d. per yard.  
20 Pieces of Bradford Diagonal at 8½d. per yard, usual price 1s. 0½d. per yard.  
A Lot of very heavy Diagonals, in the best shades, at 1s. 0½d. per yard, usual price 1s. 4½d. per yard.  
A very cheap Parcel of All-wool French Diagonals; sale price 1s. 2½d. per yard, usual price 1s. 4½d. per yard.  
Very Best French Diagonal Cloth, at 1s. 11½d. per yard, usual price 2s. 3½d. per yard.

**SILK AND WOOL REPS AND POPLINS.**

Special attention is invited to an extensive purchase of All-wool Yarn-dyed Poplins, of French manufacture, at 2s. 6½d. per yard; usual price, 2s. 11½d. per yard.  
20 Pieces of the Best Popline-de-Laine—our own make; sale price, 3s. 6d. per yard; usual price, 3s. 11d. per yard.  
Royal Silk Poplin, in pretty light colours; sale price, 2s. 6½d.; usual price, 2s. 11½d. per yard.  
A Large Variety of French Silk Poplins, in all colours; sale prices, 3s. 6d. and 4s. 6d. per yard; usual prices, 3s. 11d. and 4s. 11d. per yard.  
Our Standard Cloths of Silk Reps, of which we have a splendid assortment, will be sold during the sale at 3s. 6d. and 3s. 11d.; usual prices, 2s. 11½d. and 3s. 3d. per yard.  
A Perfect Range of Colours in Yarn-dyed Reps; sale prices, 1s. 8½d. and 1s. 11½d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 11½d. and 2s. 3½d. per yard.  
A Job Lot of 50 Pieces of Yarn-dyed Reps will be offered at 1s. 4½d. per yard; usual price, 1s. 9½d. per yard.



## A STREET ARAB'S IDEA OF CHRISTMAS.

[BY OUR SPECIAL RAGAMUFFIN.]

YES, Sir, of course, Sir, we all has Christmas of one kind or another—buy a paper, Sir? Ye don't want it; thank ye, Sir. Ye want to know what a kid's Christmas is like, is that it, Sir? Yes. All right, I'll put you up to it in a minnit. It's not half bad for a lot of hungry Arabs—that's what I heered a School Board man call us—to have plenty to eat and sup, 'cause we like a good feed, just like you do, Sir. But we got half our appetite took off last week at th' Exchange. Just wasn't there a lot of us, that's all, at the "Newsboys' Dinner," as they call it, I should think there was—thousands! What! Sir. Not a thousand, only six hundred? Well now that's strange, 'cause the place was chuck full, an' I could see nowt but us eating. That was at first, but I saw the folks round after, and they kept starin' at us as if they'd never seen anybody eatin' afore. There was any amount of 'em, but they had to keep outside th' rope, and wasn't I precious glad too, for I didn't want patting on th' head and told to be a "good boy." I know when I'm good and when I'm bad, and I wanted to get along wi' my eatin', and not be played wi' like a babby. They could talk as much as they liked when I'd done, but not afore. It was fine fun, I can tell you! We got hold of th' knives and forks and spoons, and we struck up a regular song, and kept tune wi' 'em until everybody looked as if they'd like to ha' come and done the same. We made the glasses jump about like mad, and the best on it was that nobody said owt to us, but let us go on. The people, and they were dressed up just as if they'd been goin' to church, instead of only to see us, they seemed as if they thought it was as good as a play, and they laughed and kept pointin' at some on us, as if we'd been wild beasts. I didn't mind it, but perhaps Scotty Tom did! Who's Scotty Tom? Well he's a young un out of Deansgate, and he's only just a beginnin' to sell papers. He's as ign'rant as a Bradshaw's Guide, he is, and he'd never seen a knife and fork afore. So what does Tommy do but gets hold o' the fork wrong end up, and hammers his glass wi' it. Then when the meat came he sees some on us using the knife and fork, and he puts the knife into his left hand and tries to cut, but the fork run into his hand and he drops 'em both, and goes at the stuff, hand an' teeth, like he does at home. You should ha' seen me teachin' him how to eat. He didn't know a bit, and he kept cuttin' his lips with his knife, and shovin' his fork into his lips. It was rare sport, and I liked it as well as the beef and 'taters. We'd just as much as we could put away, and a little hole left for pudden, and when it came in all a-fire, blazin' up and shootin' about like lightnin', didn't we give a rousing cheer, that's all! There was the band a-playin' the "Run-'em-in" chorus, and we struck up just the same, and we run the puddin' in as fast as we could get hold on it. Yes, we got satisfied then, and then there was a gent or two as spoke to us, and made us laugh, and all on us felt as if we'd always be good—but we'd got our bellies full then, and you always feel like that, then, don't you, Sir? Well, the Mayor of Salford wi' a great big gold chain on his neck, he gave us a muffler each, and the girls they got a shawl, just to keep us warm, d'ye see, in the winter. And then we'd to go, but we gave three cheers for Mr. Evans and "George," the publish'r as a man said he was, and off we went.

Well, Sir, that dinner's lasted me till now, for I've been hard up, as mother's ill, and a feed like that don't come every day o' the year, I should just think not. I reckoned that was my Christmas dinner, and you know, Sir, there was no papers to sell on Saturday, as it was Christmas Day, and so I'd nowt to do but shuffle about, and go home late wi' a few coppers I'd got by letting Christmas in. I didn't want dinner, and when I seed half the folks in our court drunk, I thought Christmas was a good time for everybody, else they couldn't get drunk. And the folks in the streets seemed to do just as they wanted, or to go to theatres and concert halls and the pubs all day and half night thro'. The shops were shut, and I didn't half like it, for shops is company to us kids, and

we like the things in the windows to look at. My Christmas is just like a Sunday by mistake, a sort o' half-and-half day. People go to church, and yet there's all sorts of larks goin' on everywhere. It don't seem right, but what's a kid to do? He can't mend it, and so I just stop till paper comes out again, and that's why I ask you to have one.

## REFORMATION.

WHEN I was a youngster in my 'teens  
(A wicked, middle-aged bachelor spake),  
I began to live beyond my means,  
And became a mild, incipient rake.  
But, I thought to myself, the rolling years  
Will bring me troubles and cares in plenty;  
He's but a fool who the future fears—  
I'll be steady enough at one-and-twenty.

Well, Time flew on, as Time will fly,  
And by right of years I became a major;  
My figure was good, my spirits high,  
And I reckoned myself a real old stager;  
And pretty soon I became involved  
In money affairs—well, rather dirty—  
But still, as the winged years revolved,  
I said to myself, "I'll be straight at thirty."

But the years sped on—I can't tell how—  
And never a happy moment tarried;  
To get me a wife I took a vow,  
For at thirty-five I was still unmarried.  
But still, I thought, for a time, you see,  
A man has a right to be mildly naughty,  
Provided he sees his way to be  
Paterfamilias when he's forty.

But, somehow, I found I'd missed my aim,  
And having observed connubial pleasure,  
I voted it awfully dull and tame,  
And determined to stick to my bachelor leisure.

But I said to myself, "I'm getting old,  
So I'll try to become more staid and thrifty;"  
One's apt to think less of love than gold,  
When getting about the age of fifty.

At present I'm nearly fifty-five,  
And I feel that age is beginning to canker;  
But never a cent, as I'm alive,  
Is down to my credit with any banker.

That wicked old bachelor closed one eye,  
And another tumbler of toddy mixed he;  
And says he to me, "Between you and I,  
The age to reform is exactly sixty."

## ON THE WINDY SIDE OF THE LAW.

THE worthy stipendiary, Mr. Headlam, furnishes us with a text for the present discourse, from which we may hereafter diverge. He said last week that certain persons, had up before him in connection with the "Lady Constance" mining case, "had committed a fraud, but one of which a criminal court could not take cognizance." A fraud, therefore, is not necessarily a crime in the eye of the law. So says Mr. Headlam, and we agree with him. The law does not take cognizance of swindlers whose operations do not come under the operations of its machinery, hence it follows that a tolerable acquaintance with the laws of his country is the principal qualification for any person who wishes to swindle his fellow-creatures with impunity. The only other requisite is a tolerable quantity of impudence. Aided by the possession of this stock-in-trade, Henry Austin, Joseph Entwistle, Robert Charles Sharp, and others have carried on a very pretty and tolerably successful little swindling business, and have escaped the retribution which one of their victims tried to bring upon them. Undoubtedly, says Mr. Headlam, there was in this proceeding

a fraud, and if the unfortunate prosecutor liked to spend money in prosecuting farther his search for redress he could; but Mr. Headlam felt bound to express his doubt as to the issue, and so the defendants were discharged with flying colours, doubtless ready to commit more of those frauds which, in the eye of the law, are venial peccadilloes. If we seem to speak disrespectfully of the laws of our country (a thing which is far from our intention), it must be borne in mind that we are only echoing the sentiments of a gentleman who is paid for administering statutes of whose character he is better cognizant than ourselves, and we have it, therefore, on what may be called official authority that there are frauds which, in the eye of the law, are not frauds. One of these is, apparently, the act of selling to unwary speculators shares in mines which either have no existence at all or else are utterly worthless, unworked, and unworkable. These projects, it appears, must be of a highly respectable character, for in the course of the proceedings we find constant reference to a respectable clergyman, of what sect is not defined, called the Rev. Mr. Jones, who appears to have taken a great interest in the speculation. Nay, the defendant Entwistle is so intensely respectable that he has found it necessary to advertise, in a conspicuous place in the Manchester papers—at an expense we should think of several shillings—that he has ceased all connection with the Co-operative Credit Bank of London, of which he was formerly a local manager. We do not know what better guarantee of present respectability than this could be given, and if the advertisement may be taken as expressing a doubt in Entwistle's mind as to the status of that extraordinary undertaking, he may be legally said to come out of court without a stain on his character. This Co-operative Credit Bank of London, with which the worthy Entwistle was formerly connected, before he took to mining swindles which are under the patronage of the law, is or was much in the same category as the band of speculators who have just been honourably acquitted of fraud. By carefully avoiding the giving of security for deposits made, it evades legal responsibility. If you are fool enough to lend money to a man, without security, on his mere vague promise to return it, *plus* 18 per cent interest, the law regards you as a fool and nothing more. It does not take cognizance of the roguish representations by which you were induced to part with your coin. Besides, it is quite possible that you may not lose your money at all, in which case you will be lucky. This is what Mr. Oakley, the manager of the Co-operative Credit Bank of London, says in his pamphlets which he scatters broadcast among people who probably do not read newspapers. He calls attention to the fact that the money has been hitherto repaid on demand, and that the interest is also being paid. There are speculators—we do not say Mr. Oakley is one of them—for there is a law on the windy side of which we also wish to keep—who borrow money from the unsuspecting, and pay the investor heavy interest out of his own capital until all the capital is gone. Dickens has told the story pretty plainly in *Martin Chuzzlewit*, with relation to a certain gentleman calling himself Montague Tigg. Comparisons are odious, and, moreover, we have no space to make them, but the case which has suggested the present article, taken in connection with every-day experience, and a certain disreputable advertisement which still appears in several Manchester papers, should make us shrewdly suspect that the most successful of swindlers are those who impudently carry out their schemes on the windy side of the law.

#### MORE STATUES FOR MANCHESTER.

WE understand that in the course of next year the desirability of erecting the following statues will be discussed:—

Judas Iscariot, as the earliest Radical, on the suggestion of Messrs. Hugh Mason, Dale, and Rogers.

Mr. Aronsberg, M.P., as the greatest philanthropist of the age, by special request.

Mr. Browne (of the Prince's Theatre), as the father of the ballet, supported by voluntary contributions.

Mr. Francis Fuller, latter-day saint and martyr, proposed by Mr. Aronsberg.

Judith, the earliest champion of women's rights, at the suggestion of Miss Becker and Dr. Pankhurst.

Adam, the first Conservative, proposed by the Editor of the *Manchester Courier*.

Fairbairn, for his ingenuity in amassing money, and his magnanimity in leaving none of it for the benefit of his native place.

Byron, a great modern poet, at the suggestion of a number of persons who have never read his works, except in an expurgated edition.

W. Shakespere, for his services to the modern drama in writing a number of excellent stock pieces, at the suggestion of local stage managers.

The Town Clerk of Ephesus, as a model corporation official, suggested by Sir Joseph Heron.

Cain, the first murderer, on the suggestion of the Manchester evening papers.

Pontius Pilate, at the suggestion of E. Herford, Esq., as a warning to public officers against giving way to popular clamour.

Nimrod, a noble sportsman of old, proposed by Alderman Bake and Mark Price, Esq.

Mercury, the god of thieves, suggested by Richard Banner Oakley and the shareholders in the Co-operative Credit Bank of London, to be executed in brass.

#### THE MISTLETOE.

PRETTY Lucy! why so shy?  
Why that timid, downcast eye?  
Say, has Rob, or Jack, or Ben,  
Wandering through the twilight glen,  
Met you, straying all alone  
Through the shades, your thoughts your own?  
And if so, what did he say?—  
Pretty Lucy, tell me pray—  
That you stand so still and shy,  
Thus with timid, downcast eye.

Pretty Lucy, standing there,  
With the faint light on her hair,  
Neither stirred nor answer made,  
Only round her lips there played  
Just a sort of doubtful smile,  
As mistrustful, all the while,  
Of the welcome it should meet  
From the eyes so shy and sweet.

Turning from her, puzzled-wise,  
In a sort of mute surprise,  
Swift I noticed Lucy's eyes  
Steal a quick and furtive glance,  
Upward, as it were by chance;  
And in following her look,  
All at once the thing I took;  
There was hanging, you must know,  
Just a bough of mistletoe.

#### THE PANTOMIME SEASON.

THE new-fangled custom of writing pantomimes for grown-up people and not for children, may adapt itself very well to the tendencies of the age and the convenience of managers, but is nevertheless to be deplored on many grounds. In Manchester especially, the innovation has been particularly marked, and its operation is now in full swing at our three theatres. There was a time, as many not very aged persons will remember, when this class of entertainment was considered altogether beneath the serious notion of adult playgoers—such of these as attended pantomimes in the character of paterfamilias or mentor, may occasionally have joined on the sly in the merriment of the young people, and may indeed have secretly owned to themselves that the fun was not so bad after all—that is to say, a little of it; but our fathers probably, and our grandfathers,

certainly would have abstained from frequenting this class of amusement for their own personal delectation. How the change came, or why it was introduced, would be but a barren speculation; but still it must be owned that pantomime, so called, is at present not an entertainment from which children can obtain either profit or pleasure. As to the profit or pleasure derived therefrom by adults, that is a question on which the present writer has his opinion; but on which, nevertheless, opinions may differ. The three pantomimes at present "on" in Manchester, may be cited as specimens of three distinct "schools" of pantomimic effort, if we may so far elevate pantomime as to be able to use a technical word in connection with it. The pantomime at the Prince's is a brilliant and costly spectacle, or rather series of spectacles. It reflects great credit on its producers, inasmuch, that large sums of money have been spent on it, and spent judiciously and with taste. But in the midst of all this lavish splendour there is hardly a particle of fun. There is what is called "an unparalleled combination" of actors, but what of that? What can the best cook do with bad provisions? Pantomime, as the present writer takes it, does not and cannot give scope for the higher class of acting; and if Mrs. John Wood and others choose to lower their profession by taking part in more or less sorry buffooneries, they must pay the penalty of being unappreciated, though perhaps they may earn enough money to salve the wound. The pantomime at the Royal approaches more nearly than anything that has been seen for some time to the old familiar ideal. Here is, at all events, some faint attempt at embodying an old nursery legend. Here is a good deal of the genuine old-fashioned fun. Here is not too much of "new and startling" mechanical devices. Yet in this pantomime, too, is the same taint. It is altogether above the heads of children in most cases, and is in consequence somewhat wearisome even to the elders. Similar remarks apply to the Queen's, where a pantomime has been produced with what is called a "good libretto." The dialogue is certainly smartly concocted, and the idea of the plot, if somewhat odd, is still clever. There is, so to speak, however, a lack of backbone in the piece, a defect which, though apparent in all modern pantomimes, is especially apparent here.

The opinion seems to prevail among authors and managers that the dear old nursery legends have been used up for purposes theatrical, and as a consequence of this utterly false notion, our stage is flooded with ridiculous and inane efforts at originality. The simple old tunes, even, which had a Christmas ring about them, have been abandoned entirely, and instead thereof our ears are saluted with the tawdry and too often suggestive strains of modern composers. An actress in pantomime seems now-a-days to have no better way of expressing humour than by wriggling her body about to the jerky strains of Offenbach & Co. In the olden pantomimes, too, if we remember rightly, there was very little singing, there were no cumbrous attempts at duets and trios, few solos, and still fewer choruses. The result of all these improvements is that a pantomime now-a-days is a sort of stage bastard, a mixture of senseless opera bouffe, second-rate low comedy, third-rate sentimental singing, and grotesquely indecent dancing. The strangest of all freaks in connection with modern pantomime remains to be mentioned, it is the introduction of real live animals on the stage. An exceedingly bright and clever stage effect in the Queen's pantomime (perhaps the best of all scenic effects at present to be witnessed in Manchester) is utterly spoilt, in our estimation, by the bringing in of a lot of clumsy horses, for no earthly purpose whatever, as far as the audience can judge. We do not know whether Mrs. John Wood and others feel themselves flattered by being associated on the play-bills with live elephants, or whether Miss Catherine Lewis or Miss Goadsby feel jealous of quadrupeds which can gain applause so easily and so naturally, but we must honestly confess a hearty dislike to the custom of reducing the stage, by a money calculation, to a dead level of attractiveness. It is very well to say that the public want nothing better, but we fear that the experiment is very rarely tried in these days of giving them anything better.

## HINTS ON MAKING POETRY.

[BY OUR OWN POET.]

THE new year, judging from what I see, is about as doleful a subject for poets as Christmas. Most poets, when they come to the end of the year, seem to think of the next with a sort of hopeless gasp, as a thing out of which nothing good may be expected, except by belief in accident. Here is a short example:—

The old year is a-dying,  
What shall the new one bring?  
'Tis thus the chimers are crying,  
To me as aloft they swing.  
The old year is a-dying,  
List to the bells on the wind.

And so on. After amplifying on the subject of the old year, with its lost opportunities, &c., for some time, the poet salutes in a different metre the new year. He says:—

Mysterious harbinger of future fate,  
I welcome thee unto my breast;  
Come good, come ill, come danger, or come hate,  
I claim the good—be thine the rest.

Now there is not very much amusement in this, and therefore I will give no more extracts; but it is the sort of stuff that people write who feel what they call inspired.

## WASHING THE FAIRBAIRN DIRTY LINEN.

MR. HUGH MASON has this week been exhibiting the capacity of a good man to make himself bitterly offensive in a thoroughly characteristic manner. In a letter to the papers on Wednesday, he falls foul of his colleagues on the Fairbairn Memorial Committee so fiercely and nastily, as only to be pardonable on the supposition that the prompting cause is not ill nature, but biliousness. In that case, we at once call to mind Mr. Alderman Bennett's admired specific, and suggest a blue pill. Mr. Mason describes the Mayor, Mr. Alderman Curtis, as a "beaten Geflowskian," and accuses him of "acting an unseemly part." He charges the ex-Mayor, Mr. King, the Town Clerk, and the Rev. S. A. Steinthal, of something approaching indecency, inasmuch as (he says), having "given nothing" for the statue, they are "forward in disposing of other people's money." It is a pity that the dirty linen which has been accumulated by a committee which has been rolling about in mud almost since its appointment, should be washed in public, and the display is chiefly owing to Mr. Mason's headstrong disposition, and the vane-like capacity of another member of the committee, Mr. J. A. Bremner, to jump Jim Crow. The history of the transaction which is now in dispute is simply this. The Fairbairn Committee advertised for competitors, of whom six—all eminent sculptors—attended and produced specimens of their work. The decision of the sub-committee specially appointed for the purpose of selection, lay between Geflowski and Swinnerton, the artists, both well known in Manchester. The latter was supported by Mr. Hugh Mason, but was beaten.

At the meeting of the general committee to receive the report of the sub-committee, Mr. Mason impulsively jumped up before its adoption was proposed and nominated Mr. Woolver. His motion was rejected by a narrow majority, and the amendment, which (owing to Mr. Mason's haste coming out of the natural order of things) was the adoption of the report, was carried. The amendment, however, being put as a substantive resolution, was rejected—by the sudden conversion of Mr. J. A. Bremner—and the name of Mr. Woolver, who had not competed, was selected in this second vote by a majority of one. There was an obvious irregularity in such a method of conducting the proceedings—two votes having been practically taken upon the same question. Possibly, if the Bishop had been inclined to renew the *scot-to* in which, according to Mr. Bremner's view, he had been worsted by Mr. Mason, that versatile gentleman might



have been re-converted, and the result would have been a second time reversed. At a second meeting of the general committee, subsequently called, this process actually occurred, and hence the personal and painful correspondence which is now being waged in the columns of our contemporaries. It is a pity that the affair has gone so far, but, after all that has happened, we venture to think that the only practicable and fair mode of setting it finally to rest is to have a public meeting of the subscribers, which may be properly reported in the newspapers. It is utterly impossible to say which side is right on the authority of "furnished" reports, contradicted by *ex-parte* statements.

### A POET IN DIFFICULTIES.

**I** DO not feel at all inclined  
To sit me down and scribble rhymes;  
I cannot quite collect my mind,  
'Tis one of my erratic times.  
When I am in erratic mood,  
I write but nonsense, I'm afraid;  
But then I am a poet who'd  
Write anything if he was paid.  
How can an editor expect  
That one should always write good verse?  
That editor should recollect  
The inanition of one's purse.  
So much a line he pays for rhyme,  
For words I would not say how much;  
And he must bear in mind that I'm  
Professional, and act as such.  
A lot of verses he demands,  
I write them at his instigation;  
My pen it moves at his commands,  
But where, oh where, is inspiration?  
The pen it moves with usual speed,  
And on the paper leaves its mark;  
If he had to do it, he'd  
Have surely found it was no lark.  
There is no fun in writing verse  
When no poetic fancies crowd;  
I feel inclined to stop and curse  
Inaudibly, if not aloud.  
Had Tennyson or Mackworth Praed—  
Both poets who are known to fame—  
Been asked to do as I do, they'd  
Most probably have felt the same.

### THE OLD FOGIE ON CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

**H**AVING had former and doleful experience of Christmas festivities, I determined to stay at home last Christmas Eve, and enjoy myself. I thought it would be a good opportunity for writing an article, whose composition I have long contemplated, but which I did not write that night, oh no! First of all the piano began (this must have been about half-past ten), and it soon became apparent that there was a Christmas party next door, for, through long habituation to the miseries of that piano, I knew that there was at least one fresh hand at it. It will hardly be credited, but that piano actually never stopped from the time it began until half-past three in the morning—nine mortal hours of continual jangling. I very soon gave up all idea of writing, and took to reading instead, and tried, with the aid of a pipe and glass of grog, to defy that music, in which I succeeded to some extent. I went to bed at about half-past ten, as I thought, at peace with all mankind, even with the people next door. I could hear the music, but had become so used to it that it had rather a soothing effect than not, and I almost drenched its leaving off before I got to sleep. Something, however, happened to upset all my calculations. Just as I was getting into an excellently drowsy condition there was a noise of humanity on the swamp, and three or four voices struck up that

execrable tune of "Christians Awake." Having squeaked and howled to their hearts' content, and awakened every Christian in the street, they knocked at the door and demanded money. I heard the people next door opening the window, and, as far as I could make out, throwing money to those miscreants; but the piano never ceased. My landlady came and knocked at my door. It was no use for me to feign sleep, because, what with the piano next door and the voices on the swamp, the thing was too improbable. I therefore sprang out of bed and asked her what she wanted; she said that the children of the choir at some neighbouring church wanted some money. "Come," she said, "Mr. Fogie, it's only once a year." I replied, from between the blankets, that "however many times a year it was I wouldn't give a farthing." This was my impression at the time, but I may have been wrong, because the next morning she gave me notice to quit, and said that after the language I had used last night I could not stop in her house. At all events she went away at that time, and I had just begun to doze when a fife and drum band established itself under the window, and effectually woke me again. These also demanded money, as I inferred from the knock at the door, but my landlady let me alone that time, at which I was rather surprised. After that the night was occupied by a succession of vile and abominable noises, which did not cease until the poultry began to crow and cackle. My landlady and the people in the street seemed rather to enjoy the fun of all this than not, if I might judge from the tenor of the general hubbub which prevailed in and out of the house. It is a curious thing, that things which at any other time of the year would be thought a vile nuisance, should be greeted at Christmas with delight. After thus happily spending my Christmas Eve, I was silly enough to accept an invitation to a party on the following Monday. It took me all Christmas Day, and the greater part of Sunday, to get over the want of rest on Friday night. There were, of course, a lot of children at this party. Now, I should like to know why people cannot send their children to bed out of the way, and enjoy a social gathering in a proper manner? Of course children are a necessary evil to those who have them, but this is no reason why other people should be plagued with them. All children are alike, and when I see people who have none pretending to take an interest in them, I put it down to pure hypocrisy. Will any bachelor own to himself that he does not consider children a nuisance? And yet bachelors are in a perpetual dilemma; they must either take no notice of the "little dears," in which case they get black looks from the parents, or else they must take notice of them, in which case those infants squeak and slobber. I must say, that whenever I go into a company where there are children, I always take with me a quantity of the most indigestible sweets I can find, with which I stuff those children to keep them quiet, and console myself with revengeful thoughts about the probable effects of those sweetmeats upon those children's organs. Children, however, are not the least nuisance connected with Christmas festivities. There is the everlasting glass of wine or spirits, which it is purgatory to take and rudeness to refuse. There are the mountains of indigestible food; the parlour games, those dreadful inventions of modern civilisation. Altogether, what with carol singing, children, indigestion, late hours, fuddling and tomfoolery, I shall be heartily glad when the great holiday week is fairly over, which it will be, I suppose, before the next issue of the *Jackdaw* appears.

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*Direct Taxation.*—You had better direct elsewhere.

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*My Headwork, H. M. (Stockport.)*—They work, apparently, on the absolute block system down your way.

*A Labouring Man.*—We are not to be caught in your toils.

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